

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m., by Chairman, Al Holman. Also in attendance were; Member, Richard Desjardins; Member, Richard Robinson; and Asst. Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan.

Minutes reviewed for 6/19/14, 6/25/14, 7/2/14.

**Motion one** – Richard D., made a motion to approve of all three minutes. Richard R. seconded the motion and Al made the motion unanimous. Minutes were approved.

A septic design was reviewed for 236 North Street, Gail Barrs.

**Motion two** – Richard D., made a motion to approve of the design. Richard R. seconded the motion and Al made the motion unanimous. Design was approved.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved.

Well permits for Robert Groth, 109 Glen Avenue and Mike Davidson, 140 Warren Street were reviewed.

**Motion three** – Richard D. made a motion to approve of the permits. Richard R. seconded the motion an Al made the motion unanimous. Permits were approved.

An installer's permit was reviewed for Stewart Contracting, Uxbridge, MA.

**Motion four** – Richard R. made a motion to approve of the permit. Richard D. seconded the motion and Al made the motion unanimous. Permit was approved.

Diane stated that 12 B Main now has running water. Richard D. and Diane went to Inta's residence to stress the importance of repairing the water immediately. Inta agreed and had Roter Rooter come the next day. Problem has been resolved.

Diane stated that she and Richard D. also inspected the Fresco's property following a complaint of fecal matter being dumped by someone behind Fresco's. Richard and Diane found no evidence of any dumping.

Diane stated she has been in contact with Blythe, town council and the town treasurer regarding 28 Hartford Avenue. Treasurer, Ken Glowacki will be working on moving forward with the property for tax evasion.

Mail was reviewed.

Diane stated that Cori Oehly came into the office and notified her that she was reimbursed for one of the fees for her rabies vaccination. She will be turning it over to the Board and Diane will put it into the general fund. Board asked Diane to thank Cori for her honesty.

Hazardous waste day was discussed. Now that the new contract with EL Harvey has been signed, only one hazardous waste day will be held per fiscal year. Board agreed to hold the next one in May/June of 2015.

Railroad complaints were reviewed and discussed.

7:21 p.m. Kyle Tancrell arrived. Kyle came tonight to discuss a *smoke shop* he wants to start up. Board asked Kyle where the shop will be. Kyle state he does not know yet, he wanted to know if he could obtain BOH approval first. The shop will sell tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, cigars, water pipes, candy, snacks, etc. Al asked where the shop would be. Kyle stated he is not sure yet, he wasn't sure if the BOH would allow such a shop, and wanted to be certain before he moved forward. Richard R. stated as long as Kyle follows all

local, state and federal laws; he does not have any problem with it. Richard D. agreed. Al stated he is okay as well, and suggested that Kyle make sure any property he rents or buys is zoned for business. Once you have the location and are ready to move forward, you will need to return to the BOH for a tobacco permit.

7:26 p.m. Kyle thanked the Board and left.

Diane stated that Trish Parent was once again appointed a representative for the Public Health Emergency Planning Committee, but requires BOH approval.

**Motion five** – Richard R. made a motion to approval of Trish's appointment. Richard D. seconded the motion and Al made the motion unanimous. Appointment was approved.

8:00 p.m. Mike Moran, Animal Control Officer arrived. Mike had several questions pertaining to the ACO position that he wanted to clarify with the Board.

Mike asked what regular work hours were and what the pay rates were going to be. Board responded regular time is 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., at a rate of 17.35 per hour. Phone calls during regular hours are compensated at 15 minutes increments, \$4.34 per phone call. Overtime hours are 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., at a rate of \$26.03 per hour. Phone calls during overtime hours are compensated at 15 minute increments at \$6.51 per call.

Mike suggested he obtain an Id badge through the town, so when he goes onto private property he can identify himself. Board agreed. Diane will order an official badge and he can get a photo ID through the Police/Fire dept.

Mike asked about someone to fill in for the position if he is away. He suggested Gary Shultz could be an assistant. Al stated that Gary does not currently have ACO training, if he wants to take the class, its okay with the Board. Mike stated he received his trapper's license. He has been in contact with the officer for Animal Control classes, but is still waiting to hear back when the next class is. Board stated that they will pay for the course as well as his rabies shots. Mike stated he has spoken to Cori Oehly about finishing the barn inspections. She has agreed to accompany him on the first few.

8:09, Chief Bradley of the Upton Police Dept. arrived.

Mike confirmed with the Board that he is not supposed to go looking for lost dogs or cats. Board stated no, he should not be. Mike also stated that he spoke to Blythe about the cell phone and she put him in touch with a representative of Verizon. He should have a phone shortly. He has done an inventory list of what's in the ACO vehicle. It looks like the only thing he still needs is trash bags and a net. Board stated he can purchase what he needs through the office.

Mike stated he needs to speak to Margaret Stanton about the kennel. Cori thought the barn may have rats running through it. He will go and take a look at it. Richard R. stated we may need to pursue other venues as well.

Mike reviewed with the Board some of his most recent complaints. Mike asked how long we let a resident go before we fine for lack of license. Chief Bradley suggested 30 days. Richard R. stated waiting may open the town up to liability if they do not have their rabies shot. Board suggested maybe give everyone two weeks. Al stated Mike should go through the Selectmen for the issue, since they appoint the dog officer. It should also

be advertised that the licenses will be enforced. Mike asked how he should be handling a barking dog. Board stated that barking dogs fall under the Selectmen, but a nuisance violation can also be issued by the Board. Chief Bradley agreed that the police can go and investigate, but if there is no one home, they will contact Mike to remove the dog if necessary. Otherwise if the homeowner is home they will ask them to take the dog in. Board discussed when to respond to wildlife calls. Mike asked about caring a firearm. He currently has a permit to carry, and there are situations that he cannot wait for the police to respond. Richard D. stated a gun is a liability to the town. We don't want to have to train the ACO in using a handgun, the police are already qualified.

Chief Bradley asked if he could get clarification on when the dispatcher should contact the ACO and when they shouldn't. Diane stated she would send something over to him in writing in the morning.

Mike turned in his written report for all of his calls so far.

Chief Bradley asked if the Board received copies of the residents' complaints regarding the railroad. Board stated they have. Al asked if they normally send an officer down to the rail yard when receiving the complaints. Chief stated they did.

**Motion Six** – Richard R. made a motion to adjourn and Richard D. seconded the motion. Al made the motion unanimous.

9:02 p.m., meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Tiernan  
Assistant Public Health Supervisor