

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m., by Chairman, Richard Robinson. Also in attendance were; Member, Richard Desjardins; Member, Al Holman, and Asst. Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan.

Agenda was reviewed.

**Motion one** – Richard D. made a motion to accept the agenda. Al seconded the motion and Richard R. made the motion unanimous.

Minutes were reviewed.

**Motion two** - Al made a motion to approve of the meeting minutes from the previous meeting dated 5/14/15. Richard D. seconded the motion and Richard R. made the motion unanimous.

Town nurse/Agent, Trish Parent was present.

ACO, Mike Moran was present.

Mike Apple of 35 Pleasant Street arrived.

An application for a well permit at 80 Prospect Street was reviewed.

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

Mike Moran stated he was notified by the State Dept. of Agriculture that a resident at 151 Westboro Road had purchased some pheasant eggs which may have been exposed to bird flu (H5N1). Mike stated the state is going to destroy the eggs and test the existing birds at the property tomorrow. The State Police will also be on site. Mike stated he also would be in attendance.

Request for food permits for the Upton Men’s Club fireworks, and the Upton Recreation Committee summer concerts were reviewed.

**Motion four** - Richard D. made a motion to approve of the permits and Al seconded the motion. Richard R. made the motion unanimous. Permits were approved.

Trish Parent discussed with the Board recent nursing issues. She stated that the town of Blackstone has been busy with a case of TB, Salmonella, hepatitis A. Richard R. asked if she has had to expand the hours for Blackstone. Trish stated she has only on occasion, but the contract for the next fiscal year will expand to “up to 6 hours”. She stated the flu season is following the typical pattern. She hasn’t seen any Lyme cases yet but there are other tick borne diseases we have to be aware of. She is also currently working on some other reportable infectious diseases, such as campylobacter.

Trish stated we purchased and received the new state approved refrigerator with our grant funds, as well as the new sharp kiosk for the Senior Center. Richard R. asked if we are doing anything regarding the heroin problem in the area. Trish stated the grant money was put forth for this problem; proper

disposal of needles are part of addressing the issue. People know that the elderly have the needles and will try to access them.

The kiosk at the police station for outdated/unwanted medication is getting lots of use as well. Trish also explained that Emergency Preparedness is transitioning to a health *and medical coalition*. Hospital, long term, C med, and Public health will be joined under an umbrella and grant money will filter through all these units. Worcester public health is coordinator for Public Health Emergency Preparedness.

Board discussed a housing complaint at 23 North Street that Trish received. The tenant has since moved out, but claimed there were no kitchen facilities, there were septic odors coming from the sink, and that there was an illegal trailer out back. Diane stated that Code enforcement has contacted the owner, Walter Matulis and they will be going to inspect the property to see if the owner is renting out rooms or apartments.

7:28 Maryann Lasalla of 35 B Pleasant Street arrived. Maryann was present tonight to review her request for a kennel license. Mike Moran stated he inspected the premises. He does not feel that a license should be issued because there are several barking complaints and the dogs have no shelter or water when outside. He has received 37 complaints in the last 8 months of barking. Neighbors are getting tired of the issue. Maryann stated this was the first time she has heard of the complaints. Richard Robinson stated that's not true. Our previous ACO's also had to go to your house for barking complaints.

Richard R. stated to clarify; the permit was denied by Mike M. based upon the conditions at the home and the barking complaints. Richard D. stated it appears the barking is constant, has not been addressed and is still occurring. He therefore cannot vote to approve of the license. If the dogs could be controlled so that the complaints stop he would consider it. Al stated he would have to go with the determination of the ACO. The complaints go back to December 2014. Richard R. asked how many dogs are in the home. Mike stated there are 12 dogs. There is an underground fence and the dogs are loose in the house and just keep barking. When no one is home, the dogs are very disruptive. Your neighbors have to be able to enjoy their homes. Something has to be done.

Maryann was asked if she had any comments to make to the Board. Maryann stated she did not.

**Motion five** – Richard Desjardins made a motion to deny a kennel license for Maryann Lasalla at 35 B Pleasant Street. Al seconded the motion and Richard R. made the motion unanimous. Al stated to Maryann that she can appeal this decision to the selectmen. Richard D. suggested that Maryann take care of the problem from this day on so that the dogs are not taken away from you. You could have something to show that you have done if you see the Selectmen.

**Motion six** - Al made a motion that action must be taken within thirty days, 7/10/15. Either remove all but four dogs from your property or see the Selectmen for a hearing on the matter. Richard D.

seconded the motion and Richard R. made the motion unanimous. Al stated if the Selectmen take action the deadline can be extended. Maryann was asked if she had any questions and if she understood the motion. Maryann stated she understood.

Mike Apple was asked if he had any comments. Mike stated he has been filing complaints for several months about the barking. When Maryann leaves the house they bark non-stop. The last time he was having a cookout outside and it was terrible. Mike was asked if he spoke to others in the neighborhood. Mike stated yes, and they have expressed their annoyance as well, but he's not sure if they filed an actual complaint. Board stated to MaryAnn that this was a serious problem that she needs to address; they encouraged her to start right away.

7:41 p.m., Maryann and Mike Apple left.

Mike Moran stated he unfortunately missed the classes for the ACOAM training. He has a call into the Association to attend the next session. Mike reviewed with the Board his work load.

A letter from DEP to Gasco was reviewed, regarding a previous citation.

A complaint at Samreen Villa was reviewed regarding a small trash fire at the border of the development.

Mail was reviewed.

Diane stated that 14 N. Main Street is now in the hands of the town's attorney since the owner did not respond to the BOH order.

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

8:05 p.m. meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Tiernan,  
Asst. Public Health Supervisor