

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

May 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., present were members Mike Wegerbauer, (MW), John G. Schuler, M. D. (JS), and Brian McNamara (BM). Also present were Julia Junghanns, (JJ) Director of Public Health.

7:30 p.m. There was a brief discussion regarding who will act as Chair for this meeting. JJ said that Tom suggested Mike W. as he is the member with longest tenure on the board. All members agreed.

**7:30 p.m. Public comments- there were none**

**7:35 p.m. Animal Keeping Permit to keep chickens – 19 Woodridge Road – Owner Amy Adams**

Amy Adams presented her plans to keep chickens, including coop location and run. She also included a copy of the letters that were sent. They plan to keep a maximum of 12 chickens and no roosters. An abutter attended the hearing in support of the permit. There are no variances for the BoH Regulations. Abutter notifications were sent certified mail, return receipt and green cards have been received by the Health Department, except for 212 Cochituate which is a vacant property (although a letter was sent).

**7:45 p.m. General Business:** bills were reviewed. JJ mentioned that since we are approaching fiscal year end there are a lot of bills coming through, and staff is submitting reimbursements for educational seminars and trainings for required licenses, mileage, office supplies, etc. We have been taking a close look at the budget to ensure we utilize earmarked line items to get bills paid before end of this fiscal year, June 30<sup>th</sup>. We are also keeping a close eye on our salary budget. Brian M. is asking about a budget report, JJ will have staff provide a more detailed report for next batch of bills. The minutes were reviewed.

**MW motion to approve minutes of April 6, 2016, JS second. All in favor. BN as to form.**

7:47 p.m. **MW motion to approve Animal Keeping Permit for 19 Woodridge Road for up to 12 chickens and no rooster, as per the plans and application dated received May 10, 2016. JS second, all in favor.**

7:50 p.m. Director's Report was reviewed. JJ provided an update on 36 Edgewood. We have been receiving complaints from the neighbors regarding the condition of the yard, and the back door being open. They have been provided with timeframes to secure the building and clean up the yard, violations of the State Sanitary Code. If they wish they can request a hearing before the BoH. This property has had historical problems with cleanups being needed and there is known clutter inside, with storage issues. We heard from a builder who said he is interested in buying the property, we will see what happens. Also, in the report is mentioned that we are receiving inquiries from Mary Antes and others asking if BoH is taking a position on a possible state election ballot question to legalize marijuana. All members spoke up and said they are not interested in taking a position, however we do not have to do so. Whatever the Board feels they want to do. This will likely be a very hot topic where we are being asked to take a position. JJ mentioned that others will likely be reaching out to the BoH and possibly inquiring to come to a future BoH meeting to discuss this, as mentioned by Mary Antes. Wayland Cares and the Police Chief would not be able to take a position on the ballot question. BM, how many feet is the drug free zone around the schools? Also, discussion regarding State Regulations for medical marijuana; JJ attended a seminar presented by the Attorney who wrote the regulations. Massachusetts State Regulations for Medical Marijuana are Public Health based and very detailed including strict guidelines for control. JJ has detailed notes that she will type up to share with the BoH. The state is not asking for locals to adopt regulations or oversee this process which would be an added responsibility and would take away from other staff responsibilities. The state has hired new staff and they have an extensive plan to oversee regulating this throughout the state. Members mentioned that the state mandated regulations should be used, we should wait on town regulations. There was a discussion regarding Board meeting days. Dr. Schuler said on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, and one Tuesday per month he has a conflict but otherwise Mondays are ok for him. Brian M. said during the summer any day works, but during the school year his daughter has sporting events on Wednesdays. Mike W. said that Wednesdays are tougher for him, he has meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. JJ, Mondays were freeing up for Dr. Brewer in September and Tom had indicated Mondays were ok for him. JJ: so we can switch to meeting on Mondays except our next meeting includes an agenda item where abutter notifications have been sent for a BoH meeting to be held on June 1, Wednesday. This is a septic variance. After that we can start Mondays.

8:30 p.m. MW motion to adjourn, JS second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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