

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Donna Bagni (Chair), Gary Fine (Clerk), Gail McSweeney (Member), Sheila Landy (Secretary), Bonnie Pajic (Pembroke Town News), Art Egerton (Pembroke Town News), Ryan Craig (PACTV), and Bob Clark (Conservation Committee).

At 6:30 pm Chair Bagni opened the meeting and read the following statement: Please note that this meeting is being made available to the public through an audio recording, which will be used to ensure an accurate record of proceedings produced in the minutes of the meeting. All comments made in open session will and are being recorded.

**MEETING MINUTES** – Chair Bagni pushed the minutes back until Mr. Fine arrived.

**HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT**

The Field house requested to open the ladies room. As the septic system is in complete failure, this request was denied. The second perc at this site yielded better results. A site walk with the engineer was conducted and a plan will be forthcoming.

Pembroke Hospital and the bakery are still being monitored.

A bank owned house was condemned on Fairwood Drive. The heating system and plumbing have been stripped. The person living there was removed by Pembroke Police.

Board requested more information in the Health Agent's Report.

Percs are beginning to slow down. Office activity is steady.

**Livestock Fees**

Mr. Fine joined the meeting. The Board compared Pembroke's fees to surrounding "touch towns." For the Poultry category of the livestock application, Bagni and McSweeney discussed changing the fee to include all birds. Current application has no charge for the first 10 birds. Bagni suggested fifty cents a bird with a maximum charge of \$25 (twenty-five dollars). There was discussion regarding changing the application to say 0-10 is free and once the 11<sup>th</sup> bird is added, there cost is \$5.50 (11 birds). Bagni stated she wanted this reviewed in one year's time.

Chair Bagni told Mr. Fine the DMI Director and the Town Accountant are examining all the other fees of the Board of Health. Mr. Fine suggested the Board be involved in the discussion. Bagni would rather focus on the policies of the Health Department and to leave the financials to Mr. Thorne and Mr. Buckley.

McSweeney made a motion to change the fees of the poultry category to be fifty cents (0.50) per bird for all birds with a maximum fee of \$25.00. Bagni seconded. Bagni and McSweeney were in favor and Fine was opposed.

Bagni asked if anyone was interested in changing the bovine category. There was not a response. Fine suggested changing the maximum fee across the board for each category to \$35 (thirty-five). McSweeney stated she was not prepared to change the maximum. Bagni suggested the subject be reexamined in one year. Fine wanted discuss the Rabbit Category. At 7:00 p.m., Bagni tabled the discussion to later in the meeting in order to discuss animal waste bags with the Conservation Agent, Mr. Clark.

**New Business**

**Animal Waste Disposal Bags – Conservation Agent**

The Board and Mr. Clark discussed the issues plaguing the placement of Animal Waste Disposal bags around the Town of Pembroke. Conservation likes the idea of bags. The problem is people use the bags but leave the bags on the trails. If the paths are mowed, the mower hits the bags and they fly all over the place. Another issue is the DPW is not interested in neither lifting the heavy barrels nor the stench associated with the

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barrels. Who is going to maintain the bag dispensers, filling and repairing as needed. In the past, a lot of them have been broken or just plain disappeared. New bags are biodegradable and the dispensers are starting to be made sturdier. McSweeney asked what the costs would be. Clark said the cost of the dispenser is roughly \$60-\$110 each. Funding needs to be figured out. Fine thinks is a good idea to have animal waste disposal bags and even with the problems listed, he would like to see the Health Agent, the Conservation Agent and the DPW try to figure out a way to get it work. The Board and Clark discussed the history of the bags. Bagni wants to start a conversation between the Health Agent, the DPW and the Conservation Agent to examine avenues to get Animal Waste Disposal Bags back out in the public areas. Bagni would like the Health Agent to get back to them at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding any progress made with the aforementioned parties.

**Meeting Minutes**

Bagni made a motion to accept the September 25, 2017 meeting minutes and Fine Seconded. Bagni and Fine voted yes and McSweeney abstained.

**Livestock Fees (continued)**

Bagni asked if there was any interested in changing the Equine category of the Livestock Application. Discussion ensued regarding up to 3 animals versus a stable (3+). Discussion evolved into what is the maximum a resident would pay regardless of how many of each category they had on their land. Bagni tabled the discussion to the next meeting, requesting the Health Agent shed some light on how that was perceived in the very beginning.

**Livestock Complaint Form**

McSweeney excused herself due to illness at 7:41. Fine and Bagni continued to discuss the second draft of the Livestock Complaint Form with some actual complaints. Fine and Bagni thought the form was good but allowed for future changes as needed to make the work flow easier for office staff.

**New Business**

**Tobacco Control Program Participation**

The Board discussed the Tobacco Control Program the Town of Hanover will lead. Bagni made a motion to accept participating in the municipality agreement in regards to tobacco and public health policy programs RFR#190128. Fine seconded and all were in favor.

**Should we be requiring a soil test with Title V examinations?**

Fine requested the Health Agent's opinion on the subject. Bagni disagreed as it would appear the Health Agent was steering the Board. The Board will discuss this topic more and possibly vote at their next meeting.

**9 Lorna Avenue – Shayne McGlone of McGlone Enterprises**

Variance request: "15.405 (lh) – A REDUCTION IN THE SEPARATION BETWEEN THE BOTTOM OF THE S.A.S. AND THE MAXIMUM SEASONAL HIGH WATER TABLE FROM 5.0' TO 4.0'." This would allow the system to be a gravity fed system as opposed to a pump system. Fine made a motion to accept the Variance as written. Bagni seconded and the motion carried.

At 8:13 p.m., Bagni made a motion to adjourn. Fine seconded and all were in favor.

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Donna Bagni  
Chair

Exhibits

A. Attendance Sign-in Sheet

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B. Health Agent Report