

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2018

PRESENT: Gary Fine (Acting Chair), Gail McSweeney (Member), Matthew Newman (Member), Sheila Landy (Secretary), Jeff Youngquist (Outback Engineering), Denise MacDonald (abutter to 39 Furnace Colony Drive), Ryan Craig (PACTV Reporter) and Art Egerton (PTN Reporter).

6:30 JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The remaining Board of Health members Gail McSweeney and Gary Fine met with the Board of Selectmen to appoint an Interim BOH member to fill the term of Donna Bagni who resigned February 5, 2018. Two applicants were in attendance: Matthew Newman, High Street and Evan Smith, Jessica Circle. Mr. Boulter asked for comments from both applicants. Mr. Newman stated he wanted to continue to serve the community as he has served on the Recreation Committee as well as two other boards. Mr. Stone asked if he would run for a full three year term at the May election. Mr. Newman answered yes. Mr. Trabucco and Mr. Fine asked questions of the applicant. Mr. Boulter then asked Mr. Smith to address the meeting. Mr. Smith stated he was a student and interested in serving the community. Mr. Stone inquired as to whether Mr. Smith's company did septic work in Pembroke. Mr. Smith said no. Mr. Stone also asked if he would run for a new three year term. Mr. Smith stated he would be at school in the fall and would not run. Mr. Trabucco and Mr. Fine both made statements and asked questions. Mr. Boyle moved the appointment of Mr. Newman to the interim appointment. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. Ms. McSweeney and Messrs. Trabucco, Boulter and Fine voted in the affirmative, Mr. Furlong voted no. the vote was 6-1.

At 7:00 pm Mr. Fine opened the meeting, read the recording statement and welcomed Matthew Newman as the newest Board of Health member.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT

OUTBACK ENGINEERING – Jeff Youngquist, President of Outback Engineering, regarding variances for 39 Furnace Colony Drive. There are two abutters that have been notified. This is a two bedroom home without a basement (it has a crawl space) on a small lot. The variances from the plan are as follows:

1. Reduction of the required setback between proposed leaching field and existing property line from 10' to 5' per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(a).
2. Reduction of the required separation between the bottom of the proposed soil absorption system and the adjusted high groundwater elevation from 4' to 3' per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h).
3. Reduction of the required number of deep holes per disposal area from 2 to 1 per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(k).
4. Reduction of the requirement of a twelve inch separation between the inlet and outlet tees and high groundwater, provided all boots or pipe joints are sealed with hydraulic cement or installed with watertight sleeves and the tank is proven watertight per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(j).

Additionally, Primmer requested protection of the force main from frost. Youngquist agreed to the change. The property will have a deed restriction limiting it to two bedrooms.

McSweeney made a motion to accept all four variance as written with the addition of insulation to the forec main. Newman seconded and all were in favor.

HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT – Sheila Landy presented.

The Fieldhouse – The Health Agent has been checking the portable toilets/trailers and they have been clean. We continue to have daily calls from unhappy clients. They are angry about having to leave the building to use the restroom. Poirier sent in his signed contract. The septic will be installed by Pastore Excavation out of Sandwich. It is a large job which will be completed in stages. McSweeney asked if Mr. Fine if he would like to develop a schedule of deliverables. McSweeney would like to set some deadlines. Fine stated it is a private business. He will discuss the options available with the Health Agent.

Pembroke Hospital – This facility has been in failure for quite some time. The latest development is the failure of one of three BioClear Towers (part of the waste water treatment). They have diverted the effluent

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flow going to three BioClear Towers to just two BioClear Towers. This has been cleared by the MA-DEP. McSweeney asked for a report of the current failure and the steps taken thus far to correct and the remaining problems to be fixed.

346 Washington Street – Dan Smith of Smith Excavating hopes to purchase the old Chip Tech property. This project is slowly making its way through Town Hall. It is at planning and may eventually make its way before the Board of Health.

Office Activity – Foot traffic is up. The license renewals have been sent out. Most have been completed. People are calling with questions about possible moves and how to get the house ready to go on the market.

Inspections/Livestock – A complaint has been received about free-ranging chickens at West Street and Center Street. The Health Agent is investigating as there are not any chickens registered at the Center Street address.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Develop Reasonable Missions and Attainable Goals for the Pembroke Board of Health.

Mr. Fine asked for the Health Agent to revisit the list developed last year and revise it with the following categories:

1. Septic regulation oversight
2. Public health and safety
3. Public sanitation
4. Emergency preparation
5. Animal Inspection/livestock

After the list is revised, Fine would like the Board to decide which item they would like to tackle first in the following manner:

Week 1: An issue being presented with a report from the Health Agent

Week 2: Having a discussion on that topic

Week 3: Voting on the topic

FUTURE MEETINGS AND TIMES

Mr. Fine changed the meeting time for the next meeting to 5:00pm in order for the Director of the Department of Municipal Inspections, Edwin Thorne, to attend the meeting in lieu of the Health Agent. Fine's goal is to have the Director at each meeting until such time as the Health Agent can return to the meetings. Mr. Newman said he could make it work. Ms. McSweeney said it was fine with her.

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2018

Mr. DeMarzo is attending the next meeting to discuss livestock fees. Mr. Fine would like the Board to review the current livestock fees and the previous fees and the discussions the Board had regarding fees.

Mr. Fine would like the board to move forward positively for the next nine weeks. McSweeney asked about reorganizing the Board. Fine will look in to the parliamentary procedure for the reorganization of the Board and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Fine asked for a motion to adjourn. Newman made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm. McSweeney seconded and all were in favor.

Gary Fine
Acting Chair