

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

PRESENT: Gary Fine (Acting Chair), Matthew Newman (Member), Sheila Landy (Secretary), Robert DeMarzo (Resident) and Edwin Thorne (DMI Director).

5:00 MR. FINE OPENED THE MEETING AND READ THE STATEMENT REGARDING AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT

ROBERT DEMARZO – Mr. DeMarzo came before the Board to discuss livestock fees. DeMarzo got chicks in the spring of 2017. He researched what he had to do to legally keep chickens. He found ten or less chickens were free (and five or less rabbits) and he registered his chickens. At that time, he asked the Health Agent if this had to be done every year and she said yes. This year there was an increase in some of the fees (all chickens cost fifty cents each and each rabbit is fifty cents). DeMarzo stated the town needed money and the BoH bumped the fees. Fine denied the Board raised fees just to get more money. DeMarzo also stated he thinks the whole process is a waste of time and effort. At the very least, he would like for it to go back to the old fee structure. He would prefer a one-time license fee or perhaps a five year license. DeMarzo stated it is not the money but the bureaucracy of the government and the right of residents to have pets. Fine stated he is open to examining the process for licenses but the fee structure would stand. DeMarzo requested to be notified when the Board examines license processing.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – DMI Director Edwin Thorne

87 Taylor Street

Mr. Thorne updated the Board on 87 Taylor Street. Mr. Verry (building inspector) was going to double check two outstanding violations (the egress and electrical issues). The tenant has vacated the premises and a relative to the landlord is moving in. It appears the violations have been rectified. At this time, there does not appear to be any Board of Health issues at this time.

Board of Health Initiatives

Mr. Fine discussed the previous list of topics and requested the Health Agent update the list with relevant topics classified into five categories. One of the categories was Emergence Management. Mr. Thorne spoke about the Emergency Management team. While Mr. Thorn handles the emergency management, the team is made up of more employees than you would think: Police Chief Richard Wall, Fire Chief Michael Hill, Superintendent of Schools Erin Obey, Health Agent Lisa Cullity, Library Director Deb Wall (also handles social media and town website) and the Council on Aging Director. The CoA is a warming center but the library is our primary shelter. The stacks allow the setup of cots resulting in a semi-private area for individuals similar to hospital rooms. The library has the ability to take people and their pets in the meeting room, with crates to contain the animals. Fine requested Mr. Thorne talk over the list with the Health Agent.

OLD BUSINESS

Reorganizing the Board

Chair Fine stated he will not be reorganizing the Board until after the election in May.

HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT

Mr. Thorne stated he would be open to presenting the Health Agent's Report in the future but need to get to another meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

8 To Educate

Bob Clark was the first guest in Mr. Fine's 8 to Educate segment. Clark spoke to the Board for eight minutes giving a short synopsis of what he does as the Conservation Agent. He does what he thinks is best for the Town, not necessarily what he thinks is best. He prides himself on cooperation and customer service. There are seven members on the Conservation Commission. He has been involved since 1989. He

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is not a native son but has been in Pembroke for a long time. According to Clark, the three most important things that go on in the Conservation commission are: 1. protecting the environment. 2. Open space preservation. 3. Wetlands. Some areas are wetlands but do not look like wetlands. This is determined by core samples. Mr. Fine asked if Clark ever wanted a smaller board: 3 or 5 members as opposed to 7 members. Mr. Clark said he never thought of it. Diversity is good. A larger board makes it easier to get things done when there is one or two absent from the meeting. Mr. Newman thanked Mr. Clark for sharing his knowledge and serving the Town. Newman asked if there was any interaction between the Health Agent and Conservation. Clark stated the Health Agent was well aware of the constraints of the conservation commission buffer zones and the requirements to test holes.

Mr. Fine asked for suggestions for future 8 to *Educate* segments. Mr. Newman suggested Brian VanRiper.

Pembroke Titans Against Drugs (PTAD)

Donna Bagni was a member of PTAD. Mike Cogburn sent an email saying Bagni was welcome to stay on the Board of PTAD but he wanted a Board of Health Member to be a member of the PTAD Executive Board. Mr. Newman expressed an interest in serving on PTAD. Mr. Fine made a motion to appoint Matthew Newman as the Board of Health representative to PTAD. Newman seconded and all were in favor.

Future Meeting Times and Days

Chair Fine and Mr. Newman discussed future meeting times and dates. Mr. Newman stated he was flexible in his schedule to accommodate Mr. Thorne's availability. Mr. Newman stated the transition on to the Board has been smooth and the support from the office has been great. He has received all the information he needs to prepare for the meeting and any questions he had have been answered by either the secretary or the Health Agent.

Pembroke Titans Against Drugs MassPack Beverage Alcohol Training (BAT)

Cindy Wengryn, our public nurse and a member of PTAD, requested support for a training seminar for employees of liquor stores. It would be funded by PTAD. Chief Wall is in support. Mr. Newman made a motion to support PTAD's MassPack Beverage Alcohol Training (BAT) program. Chair Fine seconded and all were in favor.

BOARD OF HEALTH ACTION ITEMS

The Board considered the Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Meeting.

Chair Fine made a motion to accept the minutes of January 8, 2018. Mr. Newman seconded and all were in favor.

Variance request for 1 Taylor Street submitted by Land Planning

The majority of the property is located in Duxbury at 228 Myrtle Street. The septic system is in failure and engineering has determined the best location for the new septic system is in the Pembroke portion of the property (1 Taylor Street). Mr. Newman made a motion to accept the local variances as written with the addition of David Primmer's recommendation to extend impervious barrier southerly until 20' from foundation. Chair Fine seconded and all were in favor.

Chair Fine asked the secretary to check with several engineers to see if there is a cost to the homeowner associated with engineers attending Board of Health meetings to discuss variances and present to the Board at the next meeting.

HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT

Fieldhouse/Wolves' Den – plans have not been picked up yet. It appears some equipment has been moved on to the property. The Health Agent has been checking the restroom trailers and the portable toilets. It appears slow progress is being made.

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Pembroke Hospital – At the last meeting, more information was requested regarding the failure of one of the three BioClear Towers at the Hospital. The emails from Stantec (the engineering firm for Pembroke Hospital) to MA DEP and the Health Agent were reviewed. The ground is too soft at this time to examine in the field.

Four Winds Drive – This home has been empty for quite some time. The owner at one point had turned it into a boarding house. It appears a bank has taken over the property and is preparing it for sale.

Taylor Point Road – Columbia Gas was putting a gas line in to another property and cut the drinking well line. The house is condemned due to the septic being 30 feet from the well and Oldham Pond. The Health Agent is keeping an eye on it to make sure it is not being rented out.

Woodbine Avenue – In 2003 an addition was added to the home. The building permit stated, per Fred Leary, the metal septic tank needed to be replaced before an occupancy permit was issued. A septic permit was submitted to repair the system (replace the tank). The work was never completed and the occupancy permit was issued. The Chair will contact the Health Agent. Chair Fine reiterated Mr. Thorne should be giving the Health Agent Report.

Mr. Newman made a motion to adjourn at 6:40pm. Chair Fine seconded and all were in favor.

Gary Fine
Acting Chair