

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**Monday, April 23, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Gary Fine (Acting Chair), Gail McSweeney (Absent), Matthew Newman (Member), Sheila Landy (Secretary), Lisa Cullity, Edwin Thorne (DMI Director), John Poirier (The Field House), Shayne McGlone (McGlone Enterprises)

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

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – JOHN POIRIER**

Mr. John Poirier updated the Board on the status of the Fieldhouse. There was a delay as Poirier did not know he had to have Merrill Engineering tag the trees and make where the erosion sock (hay bales) needs to be to prevent runoff onto neighboring properties. It was done by Merrill Engineering today. Fine asked when he thought the project would be complete. The contractor told Poirier once they start digging it will be 2 – 3 weeks from start to finish for the septic system. The parking lot and final grading will be a bit longer. Poirier cancelled a tournament scheduled for the upcoming weekend and there is nothing scheduled for the following weekend. He is hoping it can get done as soon as possible as the portable restroom will have to be moved around, taking up parking area and restricting his ability to conduct business. Parking during tournaments is a problem already. The season ends the second weekend in June. There will be tournaments every week. Poirier hopes the system will be in and useable. It may not be covered with hot-top as he is still waiting on approval from the planning board. He has a public hearing on May 14<sup>th</sup> with the planning board. The Health Agent checks the Fieldhouse at least twice per week and contacts Poirier if there are any problems. Problems thus far have been minor and have been taken care of promptly.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – Eight to Educate**

Chair Fine's guest could not make it and the segment was cancelled.

00:10:40

**HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT**

The Secretary was on vacation last week and the Health Agent was on her own.

*Office Activity* – Activity increased immensely. The Agent completed over 20 inspections, 3 perc tests and lots of office traffic. Distressed properties are hitting the market and rehabbed. The Agent discussed the State Receivership Program. There is a push for towns to join this program. The State Receivership Program is a program entered into by the Town which allows the Town to place a lien against properties. It allows a contractor to come in and fix all building and sanitary code violations and place a lien on the property through the Town equal to the value of the work. We have had as many as two hundred and fifty vacant/abandoned homes and we are down to approximately one hundred homes. Fifty to fifty-three communities participate in the program. There is a cost associate with this to the Town. The Agent will send the information about the State Receivership Program to the Board through the Secretary.

*Disaster Recovery* – The Agent attended a conference on disaster recovery in Taunton last Friday. Topics included the Las Vegas shooting and the Florida *Pulse* night club shooting and the government's role in recovery with success stories and pitfalls.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BOARD OF HEALTH INITIATIVES**

00:19:03

Chair Fine is in the process of writing a mission statement of the plastic bag subcommittee. He thinks the subcommittee will consist of five members: a Board of Health member, the Health Agent, someone from Conservation, one of the Selectmen and two Pembroke citizens. Fine thinks there are 36 communities that have instituted a plastic bag ban of some sort, including Duxbury, Plymouth and Bridgewater. Mr. Newman asked Chair Fine to keep the Board updated.

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Chair Fine stated he would like the Health Agent to present at the next meeting from the Board of Health Initiatives the following two topics:

1. Review and update the Pembroke Septic System Regulations to modify current application forms to include filter cleaning/replacement date, vendor name and number of gallons pumped.
2. Consider implementing a maximum number of livestock allowed on parcels less than 1.0 acre.

### **PTAD UPDATE**

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Mr. Newman gave an update to the Board. PTAD is continuing to search for new ways to educating parents and children. They are looking to have speakers in to address assemblies at the schools (PCMS and PHS). He states there are a lot of positive people there and he is glad to be involved since he has young children. The speakers are expensive so there is a lot of fundraising involved. They are trying to find people that will appeal to the kids.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **POSTING DRAFTS OF MINUTES**

00:29:42

Chair Fine had asked the Secretary to see how much time would be involved to post a draft of the Board minutes as soon as they were done and, then, replace them with the approved Minutes once they were approved by the Board. Article 4, Section 2 allows Chair Fine to ask for this. No other Board does this. Town Administrator stated KP Law has to come back in and go over minute posting since a lot changed last fall. Mr. Thorne stated it is suggested minutes be posted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting or by 30 days, whichever is longer. Thorne said posting drafts would be one step ahead. Chair Fine would like to try it for three months and re-evaluate at that time.

Mr. Thorne told the Board about the Strategic Planning Survey sent to about 1,000 residents in town and they received about 25% back which is good for a survey. All Boards, departments and commissions will receive a copy soon. According to Thorne, it is very interesting reading about what people have to say about the community. Do they want it to expand, etc.? He requested the entire survey be read before the demographics of who completed the survey. The survey should be available in a week or two.

Mr. Fine reminded all Town Meeting is 7:00pm on May 8, 2018 at Pembroke High School and the Town election is May 12, 2018.

The next Board of Health Meeting is May7, 2018 at 5:00pm.

McSweeney made a motion to adjourn at 5:44pm. Newman seconded and all were in favor.

Gary Fine  
Acting Chair