



MINUTES OF THE PEMBROKE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

September 21, 2022 at 5:30pm
Board of Health Office, Town Hall Room #5

PRESENT: Adam Gedutis (Chair), Matt Newman (Clerk), Maureen Jasie (Member), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), and David Klenard (sp?) from Collins Engineering.

Adam opened the meeting at 5:34pm and read the statement about the recording of the Meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENT – Discuss and Vote Variance Request for 1 Foster Ave – Collins Engineering
David Klenard explained the four approvals requested for 1 Foster Ave. Matt Newman made a motion to approve all requests for 1 Foster Ave, Jasie seconded, and all were in favor.

BOARD UPDATE – 300-304 Center Street

The Agent updated the Board on the status of 300-304 Center Street. Most of the tenants have vacated the property. The tenants not on the lease have left. The two on the lease have been given 45 days to find another residence by the judge hearing the case. According to Phil Huang (the owner) that ends this weekend. The number of vehicles on the property are decreasing. She saw moving trucks on the property this week. The owner stated once the tenants are out, he intends to move forward with the septic system project. She will continue to monitor the situation. The owner is allowing the contractor working on Route 36 to stage in his parking lot. The Agents expects the tenants to either be moved out of the property or in court by Monday morning.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Discuss and possible Vote future Public Service Announcements

Newman and Jasie suggested several subjects that would be useful such as what does the Board of Health do? Rodent control. Where to go for what. When does the Town do Reverse-911? The Agent suggested a topic of the month with links to different sites with information.

Discuss and possible Vote Changes to the well permit process

The Agent stated no vote is needed at this time. With the drought, the admin is getting a lot of flack from people that started the process but did not complete all the necessary paperwork and were not issued a well number. With the drought, which lead to high water usage. While there was plenty of water in the ground, the water system could not pump it out of the ground into the tanks at the rate needed to satisfy the draw. If the water system. The DPW went to homes running irrigation systems without verification they have a legally installed well. After discussion, the Board wanted time to think about possible solutions.

Vote to accept the Minutes of May 18, 2022 and July 12, 2022

The Board tabled the minutes to the next meeting due to not receiving them in time to review.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Office activity is high. More expansions and remodels than sales.

COVID – The state is asking if we want to do vaccine booster clinics. We are doing flu clinics. Ambulance companies and CVS are still doing boosters. Jasie asked if there was demand from the residents and the Agent said no since it is readily available everywhere. Gedutis said he did not see the need since it is readily available but if the need arose, they would take another look. Newman and Jasie agreed.

Other: The Agent asked if anybody had any questions. Jasie stated she received an email from MAHB (Massachusetts Association of Health Boards) confirming her email address and asked if she needed to do anything else). Cullity said not at this time and thanked Maureen for bringing it up. The agent went on to say the Town had been awarded a grant along with other surrounding towns which will hire independent contractors to help fill in some gaps for us. For example, restaurant inspections, mental health services, hoarding services, and home sanitation inspection support services. The upside is it is free help for us and if the Board authorizes the Chairman to sign it, she can send it over for the Chair to sign. The only downside she sees, and she is not sure it is a downside, is the Board must understand that we do not employ these contractors directly. They would

enforce our codes as well as the State codes. The Board would let the coalition know our needs and they would assign someone to the task. Some of these areas are beyond the expertise of the Agent. We would have about three hours of help in these areas at no cost to us. Jasie stated she didn't see that much information in the email and the Agent said she would forward the email again to the Board. Jasie asked if this was an agreement we had already entered, and the Agent said yes. The state applied for a grant, and we were entered into a region/consortium along with Marshfield, Norwell, Hanover, Hanson, and Kingston. The Agent filled out forms outlining where we need help. These areas were mental health, hoarding, and housing. Each town has its own needs. Both the Chairman of the Board of Health and the Town Manager must sign off on the proposal in order to participate. Jasie asked if the Board must relinquish any authority. Cullity said she question that, too, but the video conference she participated in said all policies set within Pembroke will stand. What we can't change is we can't have our regulations be less than the states regulations. Newman asked about how the hiring process would work. The state would do the hiring as they have the resources to determine the qualifications. This will be a three-year cycle. We can step back if it doesn't fit our needs in the next cycle. Newman said he would make a motion to allow the Chair to sign and give support for said position along with final approval of the Town Manager. Gedutis seconded and asked for all in favor. Newman voted yes and Jasie voted against as she has not had the opportunity to read the materials. **** **Board now recognizes the vote taken is null and void due to not being on the Agenda.** ****

Newman asked the Chair if he wanted to approve the minutes of May 12th. He stated he had a copy if Adam wanted to read them.

Newman asked if Sheila Landy's job title was Secretary or Administrative Assistant. Cullity stated she was not sure but thought the title was determined by the Clerical Union.

Jasie made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 18, 2022. Newman seconded and all were in favor.

Discussion and possible Vote: Board of Health's PTAD Representative

The Agent said the Board need to decide if they want to send a representative to Pembroke Titans Against Drugs (PTAD). Newman said the meetings last about 30-60 minutes. Each member said they did not have the time to devote and declined to volunteer.

Newman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 6:55pm.