

**Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 26, 2018**  
**Approved: July 24, 2018**

*BoH Members present:* Libby Levison, Chair; Sharon McCarthy; Tom Philippou.

*Attending:* Ira Grossman, Health Agent, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health (“NABH”); Alison Flynn, Board of Health (“BoH”) Clerk; Joyce Ward & Harry Jacobsen, owners, 26 Bolton Road; Joan Eliyesil, The Harvard Press.

*Ms. Levison called meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Discuss additional tick resources and follow up from Tick Talk- Ms. Levison reported that the “Consider This” article regarding the Tick Talk with Larry Dapsis was sent to The Press for publication. The members requested Ms. Flynn follow-up with David Outman regarding Ms. Levison’s prior e-mail about posting Tick signs at the Harvard Conservation Trust trail heads. Mr. Philippou will reach out to Paul Willard regarding the same at the Conservation Commission (ConCom) trail heads, and Ms. Flynn will also reach out to Ms. Allard to request this topic, along with presentation by a BOH representative, be added to the ConCom meeting agenda of 7/19/17.

Ms. Levison reported that she e-mailed with her contact at the elementary school regarding tick education provided to students, and they agreed to discuss the topic further when convenient. The BOH members requested Ms. Flynn reach out to Tick Report to see whether temporary tattoos are available to local boards of health. Two web pages noted by Ms. Levison were considered for inclusion on the BOH website: 1) a CDC reference for Clinical Providers; 2) a National Pest Alert from the US Department of Agriculture. The BOH members decided links to both should be posted to the BOH web page.

b. Review Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Drinking Water Program (DWP) 2018 Notice to Local Boards of Health- The BOH members reviewed the report, and noted that 257 Ayer Road was not listed as a Public Water Supply. Ms. Flynn will file a report with DEP noting the same.

c. Discuss Board of Health Clerk workload- Ms. Flynn advised that while she is always busy, she is comfortable with her workload and does not need assistance prioritizing her assignments at this time. She agreed to keep the BOH members apprised and document workload issues..

d. Update from Health Agent & BoH Clerk-

- 28 Deerfoot- Mr. Grossman reported on the agreement reached at the last court date.
- 67 Slough- Mr. Grossman advised the BOH of the recent building permit application for modification. He indicated that the septic permit was issued for three bedrooms, and the modification shows a three bedroom with an office. Mr. Grossman is not comfortable with the design and would like the Board to consider a deed restriction.

- Ms. Flynn advised that the Minuteman Senior Services annual assessment was received for FY2019. Mr. Philippou made the motion to pay the assessment; Ms. McCarthy seconded. A vote was unanimous
- Ms. Flynn reported that she recently ordered additional supplies for the BOH office, including ink cartridges for the new printer to be shared in the Land Use Office.
- Ms. Flynn requested the BOH members execute a bedroom deed restriction for 43 Pine Ridge Road as the prior copy was not executed by the Still River Realty Trust trustees.
- The Board reviewed a memo from the MA Department of Public Health regarding Bats and Rabies and decided no further action was needed.
- Ms. Flynn reported on her attendance at the Orientation for Local Public Health, on discussions concerning juuling and marijuana regulations. She will review the Harvard tobacco sales regulation to confirm that language regarding juuling and electronic devices is included. Mr. Philippou agreed to markup the sample marijuana regulation provided by MAHB to be discussed at a future BOH meeting.
- Coils Bros. Concentrates, Inc.- Ms. Flynn and Mr. Grossman briefly described multiple communications with Nick Deane and Matt Brace, of Coil Bros. Concentrates, Inc., (“Coil Bros.”) regarding Coil Bros.’s interest in moving in to 325 Ayer Road. Ms. Flynn indicated that both parties intend on coming to the July BOH meeting for discussion.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Continued discussion regarding possible use of synthetic turf at Pond Road field- Ms. Levison and Ms. McCarthy reported that they recently learned there is continuing efforts to install synthetic turf on the Pond Road field. The BOH members thought they were very clear at the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting that they do not support the use of synthetic turf for a number of health and environmental reasons, but suggested that a letter to the Harvard Press with other Boards would be appropriate. Ms. Levison indicated that she would like to look further into the disinfectant that is required to clean synthetic grass. Ms. McCarthy will reach out to other Boards to see if they would like to contribute to a joint letter. Ms. Levison advised that the Pond Committee has scheduled a discussion for July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 in Town Hall, and it was agreed that a BOH member will attend. Ms. Levison requested Ms. Flynn prepare a list of extra meetings to attend this month.

b. Further discussion regarding ground source heat pumps- Ms. McCarthy found additional information regarding standing column wells, confirming they are not closed loop, and described their design. Mr. Grossman indicated he has yet to see an application for standing column wells. Mr. Philippou stated he is not comfortable with anything other than closed loop, and suggested a regulation be written that allows closed loop geothermal wells, with possible variances allowed with compelling evidence provided. Mr. Grossman agreed to draft a revised well regulation.

Ms. Levison reminded the members that they intended to revise the radionuclides policy, and asked Ms. Flynn to pencil a discussion into an agenda for the end of September.

- c. Continued discussion regarding scheduling of EDS drill- The BOH members reviewed the 2018/2019 school calendar and noted that a half day is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Grossman will reach out to Tamara Bedard to see whether she would be agreeable to holding a flu clinic in the late afternoon or early evening that day, before the school will be contacted for facility availability.
- d. Continued discussion regarding outreach for potential volunteers for Emergency Dispensary Site- This discussion was tabled.
- e. Review action points from last meeting- The action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

### **PERMITS**

- Septic
  - 26 Bolton Road- Ms. McCarthy made the motion to take the septic permit out of order. Mr. Grossman reminded the BOH members that the Local Upgrade Approval requests were approved at a prior meeting, and the proposed well location has been revised by the applicant. A permit was issued.
  - 344 Ayer Road- a septic permit was issued.
  - 115 Oak Hill Road- a septic permit was issued.
  - 27 Cleaves Hill Road- Mr. Philippou made the motion to approve the variances listed on Plan L-13449; Ms. Levison seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- Stable- No stable permits were discussed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 6/12/18- Ms. McCarthy made the motion to accept the minutes as amended; Ms. Levison seconded. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Ms. McCarthy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm.; Ms. Levison seconded. The vote was unanimous.

***Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Flynn, Clerk***

### *Documents Referenced:*

- Agenda
- UDSA “National Pest Alert: Ticks and Tick-Borne Diseases”
- CDC “Tickborne Diseases of the United States: A Reference Manual for Health Care Providers”
- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Drinking Water Program (DWP) 2018 Notice to Local Boards of Health
- Ms. McCarthy’s notes regarding ground source heat pumps
- Harvard Public Schools 2018/2019 Calendar