

Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
Approved: May 22, 2018

BoH Members present: Libby Levison; Chair; Tom Philippou.

Attending: Ira Grossman, Health Agent, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health (“NABH”); Alison Flynn, Board of Health (“BoH”) Clerk; Nick Pauling, GPR; Tim Schmoyer; Adam Ripinski; Mark Buell.

Ms. Levison called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

NEW BUSINESS-

a. 43 Pine Ridge Road- Variance Request (7:05)- Mr. Pauling appeared on behalf of the homeowner to present a request for variances as listed in his letter of April 24, 2018. With Mr. Grossman’s guidance, the BoH members decided to continue the discussion until additional groundwater testing could be completed.

b. Tick citizen group (7:20)- Mr. Schmoyer, Mr. Ripinski, and Mr. Buell gave a presentation to the BoH of their interest in creating a Tick Committee in Harvard. Mr. Schmoyer indicated that Selectman Stu Sklar expressed interest in working with the three and asked if they prepared a charter, a copy of which was given to the BoH. They are currently working on identifying how the committee can distinguish itself from the BoH and the Conservation Commission (“ConCom”), and integrate pest management. Mr. Schmoyer indicated that preparing a guideline or document on Integrated Pest Management would be a first priority. They have consulted with a similar group in Isleboro, Maine, who has given them guidance. They would like to continue to connect with other communities, gather data in Harvard, and work with local Health Care Providers, to help disseminate information.

Mr. Ripinski shared that he has had personal success in using Tick Tubes in his yard and has facilitated the purchase of Tick Tubes to 33 interested residents. He indicated that all the residents who have purchased Tick Tubes with him have all been impacted by illness, and all have reported positive results using the Tick Tubes. He reported that the vendor he has purchased from will offer a bulk discount if the group is aligned with the Town.

The group indicated that they are proposing a five person committee consisting of three Harvard residents, one health care provider, and a member of the BoH or ConCom.

Mr. Philippou expressed a willingness to support the Tick Committee. Ms. Levison indicated that she has some reservations, particularly regarding the group’s support of Tick Tubes, which she stated Dr. Katherine Brown of the Department of Public Health, and Larry Dapsis, Entomologist for Barnstable

County, have stated are ineffective. Ms. Levison suggested that the group attend the Tick Talk with Mr. Dapsis on May 22nd, and that they encourage other residents to attend as well.

Both members asked that the group come back to the BoH when they have identified the other members to the Tick Committee and when Ms. McCarthy could be present, suggesting the BoH meeting to be held on May 8th.

c. Tick outreach 2018 – The BoH members approved: the amended draft poster advertising the Tick Talk of May 22nd with Larry Dapsis, a draft press release about the Tick Talk, and the draft “Tick Tips” information sheet was revised.. The members also began to discuss the handout for Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Levison will prepare a draft for revision via e-mail. Ms. Levison will also send the poster advertising the Tick Talk to Local Access Cable to request a slide be produced. Ms. Flynn will revise the links on the BoH website to reflect the links listed on the “Tick Tips” information sheet. It was decided that a talk with Council on Aging will be scheduled after Annual Town Meeting. It was agreed that Ms. Levison will reply to Matthew Osborn at the Department of Public Health that we would like to use the Bite Lab.

d. Discussion regarding 104 Still River Road usage- Mr. Grossman’s draft letter was approved as amended. Ms. Flynn will finalize the letter and send it out.

e. Update from the Transfer Station Committee- This discussion was tabled.

f. Report regarding NABH quarterly meeting of 3/29/18- This discussion was tabled.

g. Report regarding MAHB workshop of 4/6/18-This discussion was tabled.

h. Discussion regarding maintenance of long sewer line systems- This discussion was tabled.

i. Update from Health Agent & BoH Clerk

- 28 Deerfoot Trail- Ms. Flynn advised that she left a voicemail for the homeowners advising of the inspection date and time.
- 58 Blanchard- Ms. Flynn advised that Ms. Mezidor-Philippe left a voicemail indicating that the rubbish in the yard was cleared. Mr. Grossman will drive by the property to confirm.
- Ms. Flynn reported that her notary commission had been renewed. Mr. Philippou made the motion for Ms. Levison to sign the invoice in Ms. McCarthy’s absence.
- Ms. Flynn advised that she has been working on making arrangements to purchase the satellite phone base, antenna, and cable, and that Marie Sobalvarro was asking for confirmation that the grant is still open. Ms. Flynn will report back that the BoH members have confirmed it is still open.
- It was agreed that the meeting of 5/22 will be moved from 7 pm to 2 pm to accommodate the Tick Talk with Larry Dapsis.
- Mr. Grossman reported that on final inspection of a D-box replacement at 33 Simon Atherton, he observed that the leaching field is in failure. He will meet with the resident to discuss the same.

OLD BUSINESS-

- a. Review action points from last meeting- Action points from the last meeting were reviewed.
- b. Continued discussion regarding outreach for potential volunteers for Emergency Dispensary Site- This discussion was tabled.
- c. Further discussion regarding ground source heat pumps- This discussion was tabled.

PERMITS- The BOH members reviewed and issued the following septic permits:

- 63 Myrick- D box- Mr. Philippou made the motion to approve the issuance of a stable permit; Ms. Levison seconded.

The BOH members reviewed the following stable permit applications:

- 58 Old Mill, Alpaca Ranch- Mr. Philippou made the motion to approve the issuance of a stable permit; Ms. Levison seconded.
- 277 Still River Road- The BoH members reviewed Ms. Anderson's proposed revised manure management plan which suggested her tenant would compost the manure, turning it every two weeks, and then be removed by Mark Shaw. Ms. Flynn also reminded the BoH members that she forwarded them an e-mail from a neighbor concerned about water contamination to his well. Mr. Grossman expressed concern over the high ground water and Ms. Levison her concern over insufficient square footage for composting. It was decided that Ms. Flynn will send a letter to advising that of these concerns, requiring that the property rent a dumpster, and specifying that the dumpster should be emptied at minimum of once a month in the months of May, June, July, August, and September, and at minimum of every two months for the remaining months.
- Ms. Flynn was asked to follow-up with Mr. Willard the next time she saw him to see if he has performed any recent barn inspections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

- 3/20/18 (Open)- Ms. Levison made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Mr. Philippou seconded. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.
- 3/20/18 (Executive Session)- Mr. Philippou made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Ms. Levison seconded. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.
- 3/27/18 – Mr. Philippou made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Ms. Levison seconded. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.
- 4/10/18- Ms. Levison made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Mr. Philippou seconded. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT- Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m.; Ms. Levison seconded. A vote was taken; all were in favor.

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

Documents Referenced:

- Agenda
- 43 Pine Ridge Road “Streets” file
- Draft proposal for a Tick-borne Disease Prevention Committee
- Draft poster for the Tick Talk
- Draft press release for the Tick Talk
- Draft “Tick Tips”
- Draft letter to 104 Still River Road
- Invoice for notary commission renewal
- Stable permit application package for 58 Old Mill Road
- Stable permit application package for 277 Still River Road
- Draft minutes of 3/20/18 (Open Session)
- Draft minutes of 3/20/18 (Executive Session)
- Draft minutes of 3/27/18
- Draft minutes of 4/10/18