

Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 22, 2018
Approved: June 12, 2018

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

Attending: Ira Grossman, Health Agent, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health ("NABH"); Alison Flynn, Board of Health ("BoH") Clerk; Sheila Anderson, homeowner, 277 Still River Road; Mark Buell and Tim Schmoyer, Citizen Tick Group.

Ms. McCarthy called meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

ELECT A BOARD CHAIR- Ms. McCarthy nominated Ms. Levison as the BOH Chair; Mr. Philippou seconded. Ms. Levison advised she would accept the nomination. No further discussion was needed. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion re 114 Slough Road: Room count and proposed bedroom deed restriction- The BOH members reviewed the sketch of the property floor plan and the proposed 4 bedroom deed restriction, both provided by the homeowner. After discussion, the BOH members agreed to provide the co-signed deed restriction contingent on the homeowners' obtaining of a permit for a building sewer connection of the home office above the garage, including exposure for inspection and submittal of an as-built provided by an engineer. Ms. McCarthy made the motion to sign the bedroom deed restriction contingent on those specifications; Mr. Philippou seconded. No further discussion was needed. A vote was taken; it was unanimous. Ms. Levison signed the deed restriction.

b. Lovers Lane hearing (3:00 p.m.)- Mr. Grossman advised that he issued an order to remedy some of the issues at the property. The homeowner requested a hearing as a result of that order and that hearing, originally scheduled for the 5/8/18 BOH meeting, was continued at the homeowner's request due to medical necessity. The homeowner advised that she is well aware of Mr. Grossman's concerns and is in the process of evaluating financially viable options. She stated that she is in the process of cleaning out her possessions and has no intent to reoccupy the property. Mr. Grossman requested the items in the garage be the first to be removed. Mr. Grossman also indicated that the holes in the eaves and screens allow for animals to enter the structure, and will need to be secured. Ms. McCarthy suggested a time frame of August 1st be agreed upon for the initial tasks to be completed and the house to be secure. Ms. Levison also suggested the homeowner come to the meeting on August 14th with a list of what she has accomplished and the proposed next steps.

c. Review Tick Talk talking points- It was agreed that Ms. Levison will provide an introduction for Mr. Dapsis to include thanking the co-sponsors.

d. Plan Environmental Forum participation- Ms. McCarthy suggested the BOH contribution to the discussion should focus on anticipated increase in disease with climate change, preserving our aquifers, and severe weather. The BOH members will meet on Tuesday, May 29th, at 11 a.m. to further prepare for the Forum, including to draft handouts.

e. Update from Health Agent & BoH Clerk-

- Ms. Flynn reported she received the invoice for 2019 membership dues to the MA Association of Health Boards. Mr. Philippou moved to pay the invoice; Ms. McCarthy seconded. No further discussion was needed. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.
- Ms. Flynn advised she prepared the bedroom deed restriction for 43 Pine Ridge Road. The BOH members signed the restriction, and Ms. Flynn will request the engineer communicate to his client that it needs to be signed by the Still River Realty Trust members before having it recorded at the Registry of Deeds and returned to the BOH.
- Ms. Flynn indicated that she received Ms. Levison's revisions to Ms. Congdon's sample letter to hauler customers. The BOH members agreed to continue to revise this document via e-mail.
- Mr. Grossman and Ms. McCarthy reported on their recent inspection of 28 Deerfoot Trail.
- Mr. Grossman reported that he will not be citing 156 Prospect Hill Road, as he did not find any evidence of a Code violation. He noted the trash bins in question are solid containers with lids, and no visible trash overflow was present.
- Ms. Flynn reported that there is no 2018 stable permit application on file for 161 Bolton Road. She will request the homeowners file an application.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Further discussion regarding ground source heat pumps- Ms. McCarthy explained the differences between standing column, open loop, and closed loop ground source heat pumps. She indicated that she would like to do more reading regarding whether to incorporate regulations prohibiting open loop and standing column designs is appropriate, and will forward research to the other BOH members prior to the next meeting. Mr. Philippou stated that he is concerned with any discharge being directed back in to a well, and made the motion for a moratorium on dual use until the issue can be further researched; Ms. McCarthy seconded. No further discussion was needed. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

b. Continued discussion regarding long sewer line deed restrictions- The BOH members further revised the draft long sewer line regulation. Ms. McCarthy made the motion to accept the draft regulation as amended; Mr. Philippou seconded. The members agreed to hold off on posting the hearing until the well regulation amendments could be noticed at the same time.

c. Continued discussion with Citizen Tick Group (2:40 p.m.)- Ms. Levison requested Mr. Schmoyer and Mr. Buell sign in, and advised that she would need to keep to the timed agenda. Ms. Levison confirmed that the members had not had the opportunity to update Ms. McCarthy of the previous discussion with the Citizen Tick Group ("Group"). Mr. Schmoyer left the meeting at 2:42 p.m., stating he would attend

another meeting when the BOH members were prepared for the discussion. Mr. Buell indicated that he planned on Mr. Schmoyer speaking on their behalf, but would try to continue without him. He stated that the Group discussed the need to control ticks, and believes we are better off exerting our effort as a community. Efforts of other communities were briefly discussed. Ms. McCarthy stated that it is important that the efforts are multivariable, and Mr. Buell agreed. He indicated that the Group thought a Citizen Tick Committee would be beneficial in that those members would be able to focus on this one BOH issue, with the capacity to review the vast amount of information from all resources. Mr. Philippou stated that he thinks it would be helpful to have assistance from a Tick subcommittee. Ms. McCarthy indicated that while she would not turn down assistance in outreach, the BOH has the responsibility to be scrupulous in reviewing any suggested resources to ensure that they are unbiased. Ms. Levison shared that one of the reasons the BOH invited Larry Dapsis to speak is that he has been very successful in his role advising Barnstable County, and that the BOH is looking in to the possibility of coordinating efforts to obtain a regional tick expert with other local communities.

d. Continued discussion regarding scheduling of EDS drill- This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

e. Continued discussion regarding outreach for potential volunteers for Emergency Dispensary Site- This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

f. Discuss Board of Health Clerk Title- This meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

g. Review action points from last meeting- The action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

PERMITS

- Septic- Woodchuck Hill Road, Lot A- the BOH members issued a permit for a new system.
- Stable- 277 Still River Road- Ms. Anderson was present to discuss her manure management plan. She confirmed that she is expecting delivery of a manure dumpster, and the BOH members discussed with her the concern over the existing manure which was placed in a dug hole in her yard. Mr. Philippou made the motion to issue a stable permit contingent on removal of the manure from the hole; Ms. Levison seconded. No further discussion was needed. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4/24/18- Mr. Philippou made the motion to accept the minutes as amended; Ms. Levison seconded. Ms. McCarthy abstained from the vote, as she was not present at the meeting. A vote was taken; it was unanimous between the remaining members.
- 5/4/18- Ms. McCarthy made the motion to accept the minutes as amended; Ms. Levison seconded. Mr. Philippou abstained from the vote, as he was not present at the meeting. A vote was taken; it was unanimous between the remaining members.

- 5/8/18- Mr. Philippou made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, pending further amendments by Mr. Grossman regarding select discussion regarding the “Appleworks” building; Ms. McCarthy seconded. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT- Ms. McCarthy moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 pm.; Ms. Levison seconded. The vote was unanimous.

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

Documents Referenced:

- Agenda
- “Streets” file for 114 Slough Road
- “Streets” file for 23 Lovers’ Lane
- MAHB Invoice for 2019 membership dues
- Draft bedroom deed restriction for 43 Pine Ridge Road
- Draft long sewer line regulation and sample deed restriction
- Septic permit: Woodchuck Hill Road, Lot A
- Stable permit application: 277 Still River Road
- Draft minutes: 4/24/18, 5/4/18, 5/8/18