

TOWN OF HEATH

BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2017

PRESENT: Betsy Kovacs, Chairperson, Armand Clavette , Susan Gruen,

ALSO present: Margo Newton, clerk; Glen Ayers, CPHS Regional Health Agent

ABSENT: Tucker Jenkins, Henry Godek on phone

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

1. Review of **Agenda** – accepted as submitted
2. M/S/C; **Minutes** of April 5, 2017 accepted as corrected
3. **Chairperson Report: Betsy attended Brownfields meeting. She is now on board for Brownfields.**
4. **Health Agent Report:** We now have DLTA status (technical support)
5. **Board of Health Clerk update:** Short term rental applications done. One has removed application and one needs a reminder letter. Inventory on cars to be done by Betsy and Margo. TOP are being processed. Margo will meet with Gloria for training on doing the actual permit.

Old Business:

1. Nursing report: Shingles vaccine available. 40 have signed up.
2. Nurses report: N/A
3. Immunizations for town employees: Fire Chief Ken Gilbert wants a letter written to the firemen.
4. Dog Update: 21 owners are delinquent. Hilma would like to wait till next week to have a final list for Ed Grinnell, Animal Control Officer.
5. Tobacco regulations: Motion to postpone these regulation to a later date at a BOH Hearing. When date is set Glen Ayers will send meeting notice in for publication and BOH will post the meeting date in town.
6. Water testing: Glen will draft regulations for private wells. M/S/C that his will become our guide. Glen has new local BOH Septic regulations. Board will review and vote on this at next meeting.
7. Minor language and punctuation changes will be provided by Betsy for approval at the next meeting.
Revolving fund: Board members agreed not to request additional funds because there was too much on the ATM agenda. Fines must be deposited in the General Fund. We will try to use out existing revolving fund for all clean up activities.
8. Letter to residents board members agreed to wait to distribute letter until after the ATM and the May 16, 2017 Selectboard meeting about the transfer station.

9. 3 Ledges: Betsy reported that she attended a Brownfields board meeting that day. The town does not need to sign approval for evaluation.
10. 8 Swamp: Waiting for owner to attend meeting with Planning Board in June.
11. Armand provided a list of properties with potential violations: 7 and 23 Cascade
12. 160-161 Colrain State Rd. Glen will send letter with notice of inspections regarding septic.
13. 38 Bray: Betsy recused herself and Henry chaired the meeting. Glen reported that Hawkins is sending a letter for inspection regarding trailers and unregistered vehicles.
14. 140 Rte 8 A North: Glen reported that Jim Hawkins will send owners a letter regarding need for a dumpster.
15. 43 Swamp sale did not go through.
16. 145 Avery Brook: No word from Hawkins. Board members express frustration with lack of progress. Glen will write to owners stating requesting inspection for occupancy violation without certified septic.
17. 128 Taylor Brook Rd.: Betsy to send letter indicating complaint regarding occupancy and lack of approved septic. The property has a porta-potty and needs to show proof of regular pumping.
18. Whittemore spring sign: Tabled till next meeting.
19. Lower Food Booth: No change.
20. Letter regarding lead: To be signed at next meeting.

New Business:

1. Pumping reports: See attached.
2. Bare feet in municipal buildings: Margo proposed and board agreed to post signs prohibiting bare feet. Select board to be asked for agreement
3. Town hall and community hall pumping: Betsy will ask Tim.

Adjourn