

**Town of Heath - Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Betsy Kovacs - Chair, Henry Godek, Armand Clavette, John Palmer, Susan Gruen

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mary Sumner- BoH Clerk;

Meeting was **called to order** at 4:05 pm.

**Reviewed agenda:** Added 405 Route 8A to New Business

2. M/S/C to accept March 12, 2019 **minutes** as amended: add Nicole's last name "Zabko", fix spelling of Porta Potty.
3. **Chairman's Report:** Betsy reviewed terms of office for BoH members noting Susan's term ends in June. Susan agreed to serve another term. Betsy reported that Gene Garland has been appointed by the BoS as an ex officio member as of 4/9/19. Betsy gave a brief update on the MAPHCO strategic planning and reorganization plans. She urged everyone to attend the Annual Meeting of MAPHCO on June 25.
4. **Clerk report:** Mary noted she has been working to get all BoH policies and regulations on website and also to FRCOG for their regional data base. She has been processing TOP applications.
5. **Budget:** All is in order; only bill this month was for the legal ad in Greenfield Recorder for the Well regulations.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Nurses report.** Susan will check in with Claire this week, no issues noted.
2. **Heath Agent Enforcement Issues:**  
Andrea is on vacation so is not in attendance. Betsy gave a brief update on a property that had been brought to the attention of the BoH for concern over living conditions. Andrea has been working with the complainant.
3. **16 Ledges Road:** Reviewed issue; noted property owners concern over seeing property on BoH agenda. Trailer is a zoning issue, not a health concern; no one is living in or using trailer at present location. Cal Carr, Chairman of Planning Board was asked by Susan and Betsy to work with owners to resolve violation of trailer in Historic Center. To date, nothing has been done.
4. **3 Ledges Road:** Betsy reviewed recent phone and email conversations she has had with both the property owner and Brian McHugh at Housing Authority. Wetlands delineation and perc are next steps. Owner articulated health issues that may affect her over the next few years. Susan mentioned a concern over property boundaries with new assessor's map. Mary will forward a copy of new boundaries to Brian for review.

At 4:33pm Robert Connors, owner of **7 Flagg Hill Road Extension** joined the meeting. Betsy thanked him for coming to discuss the complaint the BoH received about the condition of his property. Mary explained the nature of the complaint that discarded items are being stored on the property. Mr. Connors gave a brief history of how he came to own the property and how the items being stored on the

property came to be there; he also noted issues he has had over the past 10 years of other people dumping more items on his land as well as taking items from his land. There is nothing toxic on his property to the best of his knowledge. Discussed options and plans for his property. BoH asked Mr. Connor to review what is on his property now that Spring is here; to make a plan of how he will clean up debris and what a feasible time line for that clean up will be; and to report back in four weeks to the BoH to inform us of the plan and timing. Mr. Connor left the meeting at 4:59pm. Betsy will write to the complainant to let them know we are working with the property owner.

5. Reviewed updated **Porta Potty policy**. Brief discussion of updates. M/S/C to update Porta Potty Policy as amended: "Porta Potties are permitted for all properties with working septic systems", and note date of revision at bottom of form.
6. Armand reported that he talked with Paul Hoffman at MA Public Health regarding the **definition for campgrounds** and whether or not Mohawk Estates falls under that definition. Mohawk Estates is not considered a campground because every lot is deeded to an individual owner and considered an individual lot.
7. **15 Ledges Road**: Andrea still needs to visit this property; will discuss at next meeting.
8. Reviewed the final wording of the Article for Town Meeting regarding General Bylaws: **unregistered vehicles**. Mary will work with Kara to ensure that the wording is accurate.
9. No update on the **Zoning Bylaws - re: TOP**. Andrea is helping to draft a letter; we will work on this further after Town Meeting and will add to June meeting agenda.

#### **New Business:**

1. **405 Route 8A**: concern expressed over the house trailer now parked behind the house that is under renovation. This is similar to a complaint Building Inspector reported to BoH regarding **21 West Branch Road** where a house trailer has been parked on lot without proper permitting. Brief discussion. Betsy will forward the information on the three house trailers that the BoH is aware of on to the BoS and Planning Board.
2. Brief discussion on information from Glen Ayres concerning **lead in school drinking water**. M/S/C to write a letter (using format provided by Glen) to support the bill pending before legislature.
3. Betsy is working on the final version of the **senior citizen contact list** in emergencies. We need to group seniors together by where they live in town and divide the list up to assign a 'captain' to each section of town/list.

**Next BoH Meeting:** A Board of Health meeting and Public Hearing on Well Regulations will take place on April 24, 2019 at 4:00pm.

Next regular BoH meeting was set for June 12, 2019 at 4:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 5:40 pm

Submitted by Mary Sumner, BoH Clerk