

**Town of Heath - Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Sumner- BoH Clerk; Andrea Crete- FRCOG Health Director

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

Reviewed agenda: Added 25 West Branch Road and 4 Swamp Road to New Business.

2. M/S/C to accept April 10, 2019 **minutes** as amended: add to 3 Ledges: Owner articulated health issues that may affect her over the next few years; M/S/C to accept April 24, 2019 **minutes** as presented.
3. **Chairman's Report:** Betsy gave a brief update on MAPHCO's continued work on a strategic plan for emergency preparation training. She urged everyone to attend the Annual Meeting of MAPHCO on June 25 from 4-8 pm. Also noted that the Town of Erving is joining in the Regional Public Nurse program. Betsy reviewed information the BoH had received about a grant to mitigate beaver issues. Brief discussion of '**New Business item #2: beaver permit and beaver trapping proposal**'. M/S/C to send grant information on to persons we know deal with beavers on a regular basis: highway, Mohawk Estates, Conservation Commission and post on Town bulletin board.
4. **Clerk report:** Mary noted she has been processing TOP applications. Also briefly discussed no smoking signs and posting at all Town buildings. Will order a few more signs for buildings and vehicles. Will research more appealing signs in keeping with look of Town Center.
5. **Budget:** Reviewed current FY 19 budget, all is in order. M/S/C Authorized Mary to work with Tim Lively to order up to \$300.00 of supplies needed for Emergency Shelter. Reviewed FY 20 budget approved at ATM. All in order.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Nurses report.** Reviewed nurses report for April and May; no concerns noted. Susan noted 17 individuals had signed up for the CPR class she is offering. Susan is working out the details but hopes for a Fall class to be held at the Heath school building; maybe even two classes.
2. **Heath Agent Enforcement Issues:**
 - a. Andrea gave a brief update on a property that had been brought to the attention of the BoH for concern over living conditions. Andrea will reach out to the complainant to see if there is any further action needed by the BoH.
 - b. 38 Bray Road trash concern: Andrea visited the property twice and has not seen stockpiling of garbage in yard or in trailers.
 - c. Andrea noted two new applications on FRCOG for Title V and Perc tests. Payment must be made in advance of tests to alleviate the need to collect fees in the field and helps with the scheduling process.
 - d. At the last CSPH Oversight board meeting Andrea reviewed short term rentals and public health concerns. She noted that unlike Heath, not all municipalities regulate short term rentals. Briefly

reviewed the history of short-term rental and inspection regulations, and a new regulation being presented. More discussions will happen at future Oversight Board meetings. At present, BoH sees no need to change Heath's regulations.

3. **7 Flagg Hill Road Extension:** Have not received an update from the owner on his plan for cleaning up debris including feasible time-line for clean-up. Mary noted she has been playing phone tag; Mary hopes to be able to actually talk to him this coming week. Betsy asked Andrea to advise BoH how best to proceed in this situation. Mary will forward her the information from the complaint, and Andrea will visit site. We will discuss further at next BoH meeting.
4. **3 Ledges Road:** Perc test was conducted this morning. Betsy will follow up with Brian McHugh at Housing Authority to review next steps.
5. Noted that the **Green Burial** amendment passed at ATM.
6. Reviewed the **ATM regarding General Bylaws: unregistered vehicles.** The article was passed over at ATM due to the Planning Board claiming no advance notice of changes proposed. Discussed how to proceed. M/S/C for Betsy to write to the Select Board asking that the BoH be removed from enforcing zoning issues having to do with unregistered vehicles.
7. **Follow up on Building Inspectors issues:** reviewed issues with properties. Now that the annual town meeting is over it will be a better time to work with Select Board to address these properties. Betsy will write to SB and Building Inspector, with copies to Planning Board, requesting enforcement of zoning issues.
8. **Emergency Planning:** Susan will meet with Betsy to assign a 'captain' to each section of town. Each captain would then be responsible for a group of seniors. Their responsibilities will be proposed to BoH and then they will be trained.
9. **Ongoing or Suspended:** No changes noted.
10. **Back to #7: Zoning Bylaws - re: TOP:** Brief discussion of where we are with this issue. As there is no urgency to this issue, we will table it for tonight and discuss at the next BoH Meeting.

New Business:

1. **25 West Branch Road:** The owners are living in the house, not the camper trailer, so this will trigger a need for a Title V in the Fall, six months after occupancy started. Building Inspector responded to Betsy's query by e-mail that there is no CO issued as upgrades have not been inspected. Betsy working with Hawkins to determine.
2. **4 Swamp Road:** BoH received a complaint about the number of camper trailers located on the property. The complainant has been referred to Planning Board and Building inspector as this is a zoning issue.
3. Discussed **Public Health Bill # 1935/#1294:** Members expressed concern that this bill will support funding help for public health but that all those services will be in Boston and not be accessible. Brief discussion. M/S/C for Betsy to write a letter supporting this bill, but to note our concerns.
4. A **trash complaint** was received about a property in Mohawk Estates. Jenny Hamilton, ME president is addressing the issue. Mary will follow up with Jenny for an update and to make sure the issue is being addressed. If not, BoH will follow-up.

5. Briefly discussed the need for, and the way to, add BoH sign-off to a DEMO permit issued in Heath. M/S/C for Mary and Betsy to work with Jim Hawkins to determine how to add BoH sign off to future demolition permits.
6. Mary noted the Title V reports received and several Title V's requested.
7. Mary noted BoH has received testing results for the water at Mohawk Estates beach. All tests have been good. Mohawk Estates has not applied for a bathing beach permit yet. Mary will contact Jenny Hamilton to remind her.
8. Mary noted she will be changing her evening office hours for summer due to a conflict in her schedule. Her new hours will be Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Betsy asked that this be posted on the website and to also check on the BoH meeting times listed.

Next regular BoH meeting was set for July 10, 2019 at 4:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 pm

Submitted by Mary Sumner, BoH Clerk