

November 14, 2017 BOH Minutes Town of Williamsburg

Members present, Helen Symons (acting chair), Rusty Luce

Donna Gibson, chair absent on Medical Leave

Valerie Bird, Health Agent,

Guests, Mary Dudek, Bona Kidston, Alan Kidston, Williamsburg Residents

Meeting called to order at 110 pm

Hearing re Housing Issues at 1 Myrtle Street, Haydenville presented by Valerie Bird

Ms. Bird had received a complaint from tenants at 1 Myrtle that there were deficiencies that needed to come to the Board's attention, which included that a handrail leading to the basement was loose, smoke detector not in working order, problem with mice. Ms. Bird and Mr. Luce made a home inspection visit on Nov 2nd and noted the various problems that were reported by the tenants. (See attached inspection sheet.) Since the inspection, Mr. Kidston as landlord has made a good faith effort to correct these deficiencies. He has requested that the Board grant him an extension in time to Feb 1st as one of the problems noted was with the porch which may need warmer weather in order to be fixed. The Board granted Mr. Kidston an extension until Feb 1 2018. Ms. Bird and Mr. Luce will return to the home with Mr. Kidston on November 16th to reinspect the property. Mr. Kidston will inform the tenants that the Board will be visiting on that date.

Minutes of 9/12/2017, 10/03/2017 and 11/2/2017 were approved with no corrections

Old Business:

Radon in Water and Air

Mary Dudek was thanked for her interest in this subject and for researching information and providing this information to the Board. As there is no State Requirement for testing Radon in well water and there are no generally accepted parameters for too high a level of radon in water, the Board decided not to require radon testing in well water. Historically, there have been areas in Williamsburg identified as having high levels of radon in the water, The Board voted to add to the well drilling application the following sentence. "The BOH recommends the applicants test well water for Radon". The applicants will be given the information on how to arrange for this testing and the link for the information re the DPH Radon Information Sheet will added to the BOH Town Website. Helen will meet with Brenda Lessard on how to add this information. Valerie Bird will revise the current well drilling application sheets to reflect this change.

Transfer Station Issues:

Winston Bancroft has been contacted re the installation of the wiring for lights in the Barn but the work has not commenced.

Karl Smith has submitted his estimate for the work (\$650) to construct a roof over the cardboard compactor and the drawing. Kathleen Casey has submitted these for DEP approval.

Informational Program by Lise Hebert, Mass DPH on the Subject of Radon in Air and Water will be presented to the public, free of charge at the Meekins Library on Thursday February 8, 2018 at 6pm. Helen has reserved the space at the Library. Valerie will help with the publicity as Helen will be out of the country and not returned until Feb 3rd.

Bills were paid.

K and W Materials \$5272.27

Conigliaro Industries \$1003

H Symons \$1.40

A check was received for deposit (\$533) from K and W Materials and Brenda is checking with Charlene to see if this was meant for the Highway Department. Donna Gibson reports (by phone) that the BOH is usually given credit on their billing for materials received.

The BOH extended their sympathy to Lester Lessard transfer station attendant, for the loss of his mother and sent him a card expressing this.

Next Meeting

December 5, 2017 2pm

Meeting adjourned: 4pm

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Symons