

MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING-08/22/2016, 2:00 PM

Board of Health Members Present: Donna Gibson, Chair; Gordon Luce, Helen Symons

Others Present: Valerie Bird, Health Agent; Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk (taking minutes); Michael Wayne & Aubrey Malo- Police Officers

Public Present: Mary Serreze-Reporter, Christopher Flory, Robert Parker, Stephen Snow, Peter Spotts-Reporter, Henrietta Wallace, Lauren Salva, Jennifer Dohrmann, Ian Wallace, Fran Ryan-Reporter, Bernie Bachand, Kathy McKeown, Jackie Compton, Charlotte Otis, Gerry Mann, Rosanna Duval, Chris Duval, Keith Snow, & Jennifer Black

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Donna Gibson at 2:00 pm.

The chair recognized that the meeting was being taped by the Town Clerk for accurate minutes. She asked the public present if anyone else was video or audio taping the meeting. Peter Spotts and Mary Serreze who are both reporters stated they were audio taping.

Valerie Bird was asked to speak. She noted that there is a privy next to the property line but after she did a site visit, the port-a-potty does not meet MA Department of Environmental Protection's description of a "privy". It is a chemical toilet. A privy is a toilet that uses no water but chemicals and would be classified as an outhouse. Chemical toilets are not regulated by the Town of Williamsburg's Board of Health.

Helen Symons made a motion to take no further action on this matter. The motion was seconded by Gordon Luce. The chair opened the floor for discussion. She asked for any new information only.

Kathy McKeown spoke. 410.152 states that no privy or no chemical toilet shall be constructed. Valerie Bird stated that if she read further it says the Board of Health may issue a permit, not shall issue a permit. Ms. McKeown had no further new information but got irate she could not keep speaking.

Keith Snow stated the Board of Health had no problem regulating a chemical toilet on his property.

Mr. Duval stated that Mr. Snow had an outhouse that was not on his own property. Mr. Duval said a bathroom has a sink, toilet and tub or shower. He stated that they are a fiberglass shell. They have no working parts inside. They are empty.

Jennifer Dohrmann spoke next. She has been in Town for 1 ½ years. She stated that the Board seems to have regulated portable toilets before. She is upset and stated the portable toilets are disruptive to the neighborhood.

Henrietta Wallace spoke next. She noted that Mr. Duval had a manufacturing business there and that is why he got the portable toilets as his business grew and he had 14 employees and needed a toilet for the employees. It was not visible from the road. When he was denied his special permit for his business, the business moved to another town. She stated they are not needed any longer and should be removed.

Valerie Bird again reiterated the difference of a privy and an outhouse.

Robert Parker noted other “art” in town which he thinks is junk. Mr. Duval is using the fiberglass shells as art on his property.

Other “junk” art projects were also pointed out.

Jennifer Dohrmann stated the other art pieces are not made out of chemical toilets. That is the issue at this meeting.

Helen Symons asked Valerie Bird about something Ms. Dohrmann said about regulating chemical toilets in the past. The Board had no memory of ever regulating a chemical toilet in the past.

The Chair called the question. She went to the original motion to take no further action on this matter. The motion was unanimously voted.

Motion made (HS) and seconded (GL) to approve the 8/8/16 Minutes as written. Motion so voted.

(VB) reported to the Board she is looking for compliance regarding Stericycle and the needle recycling. There needs to be a compliance plan and an eyewash station. The Board discussed if one or two would be required and where they would need to be located.

The Board discussed that plastic bag recycling has been phased out. Northampton went to a plastic bag ban and there is no market anymore. Motion made (HS) and seconded (GL) to stop collecting plastic bags at the Transfer Station. Motion so voted. (GL) will call the recycling person (Propel Plastic) to inform them.

Styrofoam-(GL) stated there is a lot of Styrofoam coming in. There is a lot of packing material especially with computers, appliances and televisions. Only blocks are being collected, no peanuts. There are approximately 15-18 bags already after being collected for only a few weeks. (GL) will put up a sign about recycling Styrofoam and what is accepted.

(GL) will be posting a sign about overdue stickers. They were due July 1st.

Electrical Upgrades-The electrician took sick. No estimates were received by him. Roof has been done. (GL) will call Winston Bancroft to see if he is available.

(DG) acknowledged a letter from Kathleen Casey from HRMC regarding an inspection report for the transfer station. Litter blows around the compactor. There was less than a wheelbarrow full. The Board will have to take corrective action. (GL) states they clean that up when the compactor is changed. The rest was housekeeping issues.

(DG) reported a check from Waste Management for \$907.10 for a rebate from January until June of 2016. The price is \$10/ton which is a fixed price.

(DG) had a bill for the port-a-potty at the transfer station. Motion made (GL) and seconded (HS) to pay the bill. Motion so voted.

Other bills-Wilbur Loomis for brush hogging for \$240., HRMC CFC recovery for \$301. and HRMC for tire collection for \$88. Motion made (HS) and seconded (GL) to pay those three bills. Motion so voted.

Motion made (HS) and seconded (GL) to allow (DG) sign form for DEP for Operations to work to improve the recycling box access with ramps. A copy will be sent to Kathleen Casey.

Valerie Bird-Health Agent Report:

3 Myrtle Ave-Is almost done and looks nice. The septic is going in next.

23 Old Goshen Road-There has been 2 clean samples. Two more need to be done. One is scheduled for the end of August and one for next month.

MA DPH is reporting some cases of West Nile Virus in the State

Old Business:

Mary Dudek wants the Board to do a program on radon in well water. Ms. Dudek is not getting a response from the State regarding getting a meeting set up. The Board and Ms. Dudek will pursue getting an informational forum set up.

Motion made (GL) and seconded (HS) to pay the Stericycle bill for September. Motion so voted.

Board discussed correspondence received from Jackie Compton regarding the last meeting.

Next meetings will be Tuesday, 9/6/16 at 2 pm and Wednesday, 9/21/16 at 7 pm. The Board is considering one meeting in the evening each month as suggested by the Town Administrator.

Motion made (HS) and seconded (GL) to adjourn the meeting. Motion so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Lessard