

Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Town Hall, Volunteer Meeting Room
Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Approved: August 20, 2019

Board of Health Members present: Libby Levison, Chair; Sharon McCarthy; Tom Philippou.

Attending: Alison Flynn, Board of Health (“BOH”) Clerk; Peter Celi, homeowner, 285 Still River Road.

Ms. Levison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Elect a Board Chair- Ms. McCarthy nominated Ms. Levison as Board Chair. Ms. Levison nominated Mr. Philippou; Ms. McCarthy seconded. Mr. Philippou accepted. All were in favor.

b. 285 Still River Road: Consideration of 3-bedroom deed restriction (7:05 p.m.)- Mr. Celi presented plans for the renovation of the second floor of the existing house. The members advised that a three-bedroom deed restriction would be requested with the existing subsurface sewage disposal system (“SDS”) to alert future buyers as to the capacity. They also explained that the deed restriction could be removed in the event that Mr. Celi upgrades the SDS capacity or regulations change. The members encouraged Mr. Celi to explore the possibility of upgrading the system at this time if he thinks he might increase the number of bedrooms in the future; Mr. Celi agreed that this sounds like the best option as expansion is probable.

b. Consideration of Consumer Reports article re PFAS in bottled water- Ms. Levison advised the article was sent to her by Wendy Heiger-Bernays of Boston University and asked whether the BOH members wanted to consider posting it to the BOH webpage. Ms. Flynn provided the members with the Department of Public Health (“DPH”) Bottled Water Consumption Advisory referenced by the Consumer Reports article. The members considered the article and the advisory, noting that Spring Hill Farm Dairy was to install a filtration system on Wednesday. The members agreed to consider posting the DPH Advisory to the BOH webpage, with a notification sent to e-subscribers, in the event that the filtration system is not installed by Thursday.

c. Consider revisions to *Article III: Private Wells*- The members reviewed and revised the draft Private Wells regulation. Ms. Flynn will provide an updated draft to Mr. Grossman for his review and comment.

d. Clerk Update-

- Ms. Flynn will send an alert to e-subscribers providing information on the Devens Restoration Advisory Board (“RAB”) meeting scheduled for July 25th.
- Ms. Levison advised that Beth Williams posted a “thank you” to the BOH and League of Women Voters for assisting at the Cooling Station over the weekend.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continued review of draft letter to our State Reps asking to restrict the online sales of e-cigarettes and vape supplies- Ms. Levison suggested that letter does not include “marijuana” as sale of marijuana is not allowed online and dilutes the argument. Ms. Flynn will write Ms. Hoggins to explain why her suggestion was not incorporated. It was agreed that the final letter will be sent to Jamie Eldridge and Jennifer Benson, with Jim Garreffo and DJ Wilson copied, and Mr. Philippou personally signing the letters.
- b. Use of e-cigarettes, alcohol, and other substances at Prospect Hill Road- Ms. McCarthy advised the members that she has a meeting at the Police Department to discuss this issue.
- c. Discuss PFAS well retesting results, if available, or questions regarding this- Ms. Levison offered to send the link to other interested parties. Ms. Levison and Ms. McCarthy plan to attend the meeting. Ms. Levison shared that the resident at 113 Old Mill Road received results at 20 ppt after self-sampling. Ms. Levison suggested she reach out to Bob Bostwick at DEP for guidance on re-testing. The members prepared the text of an e-mail to be sent by Ms. Levison to MaryJude Pigsley at DEP requesting guidance to provide to residents considering installation of PFAS filtration systems where pre-existing filtration systems are present.
- d. Update from Deer Management Committee- Mr. Philippou indicated he had no update to provide as he was unable to attend the July 11th meeting.
- e. Update from the Transfer Station Committee- Mr. Philippou and Ms. Levison stated that there has been no official Transfer Station Meeting since the last BOH meeting. They reported several residents have volunteered at the Transfer Station in the last few weeks, and things are going smoothly. Ms. Levison advised that October 26th is the next Recycle Your Reusables event and offered to contact Laurie Sabol to see if she would like this posted to Next Door and the BOH webpage; the members agreed. Ms. Levison also offered to write Tessa David to confirm receipt of the documentation provided by Ms. Flynn in support of Mr. Kilhart’s application for the Recycling Dividends Program.
- f. Continued review of draft marijuana sales regulation- This discussion was tabled for a future meeting.
- g. Discussion regarding preparing the 2019 Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Plan- Mr. Philippou volunteered to review this plan.
- h. Continued discussion regarding emergency preparedness meeting- Ms. Levison will contact Ms. Thompson to confirm when her event will be held.
- i. Review of FY19 budget- The status of the FY19 budget was reviewed.
- j. Discussion of FY20 budget feedback- This discussion was tabled for a future meeting.
- k. Plan for Town-wide mailing in September- Ms. Flynn will review the trash hauler regulations to identify the BOH obligation regarding town-wide notification prior to the next meeting.
- l. Review Action Items- Action items were not reviewed.

PERMITS

Septic permits were issued for each of the following:

- 91 Warren Ave.- D-box
- 2 Wilroy Ave.- Upgrade
- Under Pin Hill Road, Lot 1- New
- 64 Woodside Road- D-box

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Ms. Levison made the motion to approve the minutes 7/9/19 as amended; Ms. McCarthy seconded. All were in favor.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA- Scheduling conflicts in August were discussed. It was agreed that pending any emergency, the BOH will meet in August only on the 20th at 2 p.m. It was also agreed that the hearing regarding 23 Lovers Lane should be scheduled for the second meeting in September.

ADJOURNMENT- Ms. Levison made the motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.; Ms. McCarthy seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Flynn, Clerk

Documents Referenced:

- Agenda
- Draft minutes of 7/9/19
- “Streets” file for 285 Still River Road
- Department of Public Health (“DPH”) Bottled Water Consumption Advisory
- Revised draft of the “Private Wells” regulation
- Draft letter State Reps re online sales of e-cigarettes and vape supplies