

**Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2017**  
**Town Hall**

*Board Members present:* Tom Philippou, Libby Levison, Sharon McCarthy; Chair  
*Attending:* Mark Buell, resident; Ira Grossman, NAHB; Jason Gauthier, Curtis Septic; Laura Vilian, Harvard Press

*Ms. McCarthy called meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.*

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Ms. Levison nominated Ms. McCarthy for Chair. Mr. Philippou seconded. Vote, aye; unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Buell commented on the tick discussion on NextDoor Harvard. He summarized information a resident had obtained regarding costs for Damminix tick tubes. Approximately, 60-100 residents responded to an informal online poll about interest in buying the tick tubes. Mr. Buell asked if the Board would bulk purchase the tubes so that the residents could obtain a bulk discount only available if the tubes were purchased by a town government entity. Ms McCarthy reminded Mr Buell that that tick tubes can provide residents with a sense of false security and that self-protection and daily tick checks are still necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion with Mr. Jason Gauthier – Mr. Gauthier appeared before the Board to explain how he has received instructions for improving his Title 5 inspection reports. The Board encouraged Mr. Gauthier to contact Mr. Grossman in the future should he have any questions on his inspection reports.
- Memorandum with Land Use Boards regarding BOH clerk hours. Ms. Levison moved to approve the memorandum, as modified by the Conservation Commission; Mr. Philippou seconded. Vote, aye; unanimous.
- Discussion of Tobacco 21 tabled.
- Charter Commission – Ms. McCarthy to make a request to the Charter Commission for the Board to present comments on the structure of town government.
- Revision to Article IV - Ms. Levison moved to accept Article IV as amended; Mr. Philippou seconded. Vote, aye; unanimous. Clerk to post legal notice in *Harvard Press*. Mr Philippou to help clerk to post to Town website.

- Goals 2017. Each member to make a list of activities/goals for 2017. Each member to indicate which topics they want to follow.
- Clerk/Health Agent update
  - Ms Levison is updating instructions for clerk. She suggested the Board make a list of organizations/contacts that each member is responsible for so that the Clerk will know who to contact.
  - 58 Blanchard Rd will have a trash dumpster onsite until May 10, 2017.
  - Residents of 104 Still River Rd came in to discuss septic and deed restriction.
  - Ms Levison attended a forum on local public health and learned about a one week program for juniors and seniors on public health. She will send the information to Dr Dwight.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Waste Haulers
  - Permit fees from D&D, Republic, and Mitrano have been received. Sullivan still owes fee for 2017. Mr. Philippou drafted a survey on recycling services for the waste haulers. Board members to review.
- CSMP
  - 32 Madigan Lane: Submittal to the Registry of Deeds was returned; only the document with the notarized signatures needs to be submitted. Ms. McCarthy to re-submit.
- 95 Old Mill Rd
  - Mr. Philippou to revise draft letter and send.
- Tick Talk Plans
  - Publicity assignments:  
Ms. McCarthy to send notices to Senator Jamie Eldridge's office, get a notice on the cable channel, and send a notice to Harvard Press.  
Ms McCarthy to get a notice on cable  
Ms McCarthy to submit to the Harvard Press Events column  
Ms. Levison to send notice to surrounding towns BOH and give notice to Ira for posting in NABH towns.  
Mr. Philippou to post notice on NextDoor Harvard.
  - Handouts:  
Ms. McCarthy to edit Conservation Commission write up for personal protection  
Mr. Philippou to add information on tick testing.  
Build a list of URL references
- ABC Cesspool
  - Lawyer for ABC Cesspool has not yet responded confirming attendance at April 25 meeting. Ms. McCarthy to email him again.
- Drought update

- Information from the Massachusetts Office of Environmental Affairs (OEA) was last updated in March 2017. Mr. Grossman provided information from Drought Monitor, a national service of USGS. Ms. McCarthy will keep checking for updates.
- Gross alpha testing of town well
  - Ms. Levison reported that Mr. Ron Gilbert had agreed to test well 05G again and results should be available soon. Ms. Levison suggested the Board policy on radon and gross alpha levels be combined into one document. Board agreed to do this over the summer.

## **PERMITS**

### Stable Permit

- 103 Prospect Hill Rd: Ms. McCarthy moved, Ms. Levison seconded. Vote, aye, unanimous.

### Septic Permit

- 174 West Bare Hill Rd., D-Box and Title 5

## **Minutes**

March 9, 2017: Moved to accept as amended by Mr. Philippou; seconded by Ms. Levison. Vote, aye, unanimous.

March 21, 2017: Moved to accept by Mr. Philippou; seconded by Ms. Levison. Vote, aye, unanimous.

September 27, 2016, revised: Moved to accept as amended by Mr. Philippou; seconded by Ms. Levison. Vote, aye, unanimous.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:22p.m. Ms. Levison seconded; voted, aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, April 25 at 7pm.

***Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon McCarthy, Chair***

## **Documents**

- Memorandum of Understanding BoH, ConCom, Planning Board, ZBA
- Article IV
- Letter 95 Old Mill Rd