

Harvard Board of Health Minutes
Friday, March 27, 2015
Town Hall Meeting Room

Board Members present: Thomas Philippou, Chairman; Sharon McCarthy

Also present: Tim Bragan, Tow Administrator; Joan Eliyesal, The Harvard Press; Paige O'Brien, Clerk

Mr. Philippou called this meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion – Old Library Carpet Installation

Per HBOH regulations “no carpeting of any kind shall be installed, replaced or repaired within any building owned, operated or maintained by the Town of Harvard, or any of its agents, subdivisions, committees or assignees. The Board of Health may grant a variance to this article upon request and careful consideration of all factors, including the anticipated usage by the public.”

DPW has pulled up the carpet in the basement and has discovered that the unlevelled cement cannot support linoleum or other non-fiber flooring. The options are leveling and installing new flooring (very cost-prohibitive) or laying down mold/mildew resistant carpet. Mr. Bragan requests that the Board consider allowing variance for the less expensive carpet option. The Board conveyed their concerns about the long-term use of the building after the temporary town hall offices have moved out. The Board wants the Town Administration to consider long-term sustainable use of the building and not solve this with a “quick fix”.

Recess

The Board briefly recessed to travel to 7 Fairbank to observe the areas of concern.

Recommendation

The Board recommends that Mr. Bragan get an estimate for the process of leveling and smoothing out the area of the basement that needs to be re-finished. After that detail is determined the Board will be better equipped to make a decision.

Adjournment

Ms. McCarthy moved to adjourn meeting at 10:07 a.m. Mr. Philippou seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige O'Brien, Clerk