

Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 20, 2018
Approved: December 11, 2018

BoH Members present: Libby Levison, Chair; Sharon McCarthy; Tom Philippou.

Attending: Alison Flynn, Board of Health (“BoH”) Clerk.

Ms. Levison called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Draft FY2020 budget documents- the members discussed the FY2020 budget and prepared a draft spreadsheet. Ms. Levison will prepare a narrative for Ms. McCarthy’s final approval as deputized Chair in Ms. Levison’s absence.

b. Request for input from the Harvard-Devens Jurisdiction Committee (due 12/3/18)- the members discussed how resuming jurisdiction might impact the operation of the Harvard Board of Health. Ms. Flynn and Ms. McCarthy will prepare a memo responding to the Harvard-Devens Jurisdiction Committee’s request for input.

c. Prepare comments for the ZBA regarding 19 Mill Road (due 12/12/18)- Ms. Flynn advised the BOH that per Mr. Grossman, Dan Wolfe will speak to the homeowners and contact the BOH office to request appearance at a meeting.

d. Review boilerplate bedroom deed restriction form- Ms. Flynn provided the BOH members with a sample Bedroom Deed Restriction and endorsed its use. The members discussed adding language to the Amendment and Release clause to include release in the event of an approved upgrade. Ms. Flynn will prepare the same for review at a future meeting.

e. Update from MAHB Fall Conference of 11/17/18- Ms. Flynn, Ms. Levison, and Ms. McCarthy gave a brief report of the talks attended at the MAHB Certificate Program.

f. Update from marijuana and vaping talk by Dr. Kevin Hill of 11/14/18- Ms. Levison and Ms. McCarthy gave a brief report of their attendance at this talk.

g. Clerk Update

- Ms. Flynn advised of communication with Town Counsel regarding 28 Deerfoot Trail.
- Ms. Flynn reported that the Minuteman Senior Services FY2018 Services Report was received in the office.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Continued review of tobacco use regulation- this subject was tabled for a future meeting.

b. Continued review of draft marijuana regulation- Ms. McCarthy advised that she has not heard back from the Planning Board with comments. She will follow-up.

c. Continued discussion regarding long-range planning- This subject was tabled for a future meeting. Ms. Flynn will forward the BOH members the strategic plans of BOHs for other towns found online.

d. Continued discussion of synthetic turf, environmental and health impacts- Mr. Philippou reported he identified helpful journal articles that he will circulate to the BOH members. Ms. Levison indicated that she reached out to a few local physicians for their opinions. Mr. Philippou agreed to continue following up with turf issues, including taking the lead on scheduling a listening session.

e. Continued discussion regarding ticks- Ms. Levison and Ms. McCarthy reported that the UMASS tick symposium which they attended with Jim Garreffo of NAHB was very interesting and helpful. Ms. Levison also reported that she spoke to a parent at the YMCA Greendale where Dr. Fox presented and the mother was very pleased with the information her child received. Dr. Katie Brown agreed to contact her colleagues in Maryland for another reference on Dr. Fox. Ms. Levison agreed to continue to take the lead on tick issues.

f. Response re discussion on opioid education efforts- Ms. Levison reported Ms. Nigzus indicated she appreciated the BOH's contact on the issue and would reply to Ms. Levison's e-mail. Ms. McCarthy agreed to take the lead on opioid and vaping concerns.

g. Update from the Transfer Station Committee- This topic was tabled, as the Transfer Station Committee did not meet as scheduled.

h. Review Action Items- the action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

PERMITS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Ms. McCarthy made the motion to approve the draft minutes of 11/13/18, as amended; Ms. Levison seconded. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT- Ms. Levison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.; Ms. McCarthy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Flynn, Clerk

Documents Referenced:

- Agenda
- Draft minutes of 11/13/18
- Draft BOH budget spreadsheet
- Draft Land Use Boards budget spreadsheets & narrative

- Budget memorandum from T. Bragan
- Harvard-Devens Jurisdiction Committee Memo of 11/2018