

Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Town Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Approved: March 12, 2019

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

Attending: Ira Grossman, Health Agent, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health (“NABH”);
Alison Flynn, Board of Health (“BOH”) Clerk.

Ms. Levison called meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

NEW BUSINESS

a. 5G Wireless Network Concerns- Ms. Levison reported that she received e-mailed communications from resident, Jeanie Avola, who is concerned about the possibility of the 5G wireless network expanding to Harvard. The resident has already shared her concerns with Mr. Bragan,. Ms. Levison forwarded the e-mailed correspondence she received to the Chairs of Broadband Committee and Planning Board Committee, as well as Ms. Flynn and Ms. Allard, to expand the dialog. Ms. Levison indicated that her brief review of resources online, including those identified by the concerned resident, Mr. Grossman, and the Broadband Committee Chair, show support of both sides of the argument of whether or not there is a serious health concern related to the 5G wireless networks. The members discussed current federal limitations on jurisdiction of municipalities over where small cell structures are installed in their communities, and proposed MA legislation addressing the same. Ms. Levison also indicated that the concerned resident suggested that the Town of Burlington’s Planning Board has already been discussing the 5G issue and the resident thinks they might be a good resource. The members discussed the next step, and decided Ms. Levison will request Mr. Ryan’s assistance in contacting the Town of Burlington for further information.

b. Clerk and Health Agent Update

- Ms. Flynn advised that Ms. Allard provided the BOH with an extra copy of a map used at the recent MVP Agricultural outreach meeting. The map is titled “Existing Conditions: Water & FEMA Zones”.
- Ms. Flynn requested approval of the invoice for the “Ticked Off”, and advised that she received commitment to the vendor to provide 100 more tick removers once the FY20 budget funds come in. Mr. Philippou made the motion to approve the invoice of February 19, 2019; Ms. Levison seconded. All were in favor.
- Ms. Flynn requested execution of the bedroom deed restriction for 17 Oak Hill Road, already executed by the homeowners. Mr. Philippou and Ms. Levison executed the same; Ms. Flynn notarized.
- Mr. Grossman reminded the BOH members that he is scheduled to be in court regarding 28 Deerfoot Trail on the morning of 3/5/19.

- Ms. Flynn reminded the members that the next Land Use Boards meeting is 3/12/19 at 9 am. She will confirm with Ms. McCarthy that she will attend on behalf of the BOH.
- Ms. Flynn reminded the members that the next Deer Management sub-committee will report to ConComm on 3/7/19. Mr. Philippou to attend.
- Mr. Grossman advised that a building permit application has been filed for 47 Myrick Lane that raises a question of bedroom count. The members asked that he request a bedroom deed restriction be recorded or the residents come to the next BOH meeting for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continued review of draft marijuana regulation- Ms. Flynn advised that she has not received comments from Ms. McBee. The members agreed to table further discussion until Ms. McBee's comments are received.
- b. Continued discussion regarding scheduling of Tick Talk- Ms. Flynn reported that the Tick Talk has been confirmed for 4/4/19 at 7 p.m. in Upper Town Hall with Dr. Rich. Ms. Flynn has requested Dr. Rich's talking points and biography, and it was agreed she should follow-up to request he bring Tick Report brochures, tick tattoos, and anything else he thinks would be helpful for an estimated audience of 75. Ms. Levison agreed to work with Ms. Flynn on posters, a slide for cable, and a Next Door posting advertising Dr. Rich's talk, once the talking points and biography are received.
- c. Continued discussion regarding Opioid Talk co-sponsored with the schools- Ms. Flynn advised that an ad was drafted for the Press, to be printed this Friday. Additionally, the poster was e-mailed to administration for Harvard Public Schools and the Parker School with a request for distribution to the school communities, Mr. Grossman and Mr. Garreffo, with a request for distribution to the NABH community, to Ms. Doucet with a request for posting to the Town website, to Anya Zulawnik with a request for posting to Harvard Cable TV's bulletin board. Ms. Flynn also posted the announcement to the BOH website, with an alert sent to subscribers. Ms. Flynn will request to hang posters at locations throughout Town. Ms. Levison will reach out to public safety employees, and post an announcement on NextDoor. Ms. Flynn also advised that Ms. McCarthy confirmed with Ms. Zulawnik that the talk will be recorded.
- d. Update from the Transfer Station Committee- Mr. Philippou provided an update, including that Townsend recently adopted private hauler regulations based on the DEP template.
- e. Discussion regarding preparing the 2019 Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Plan- Ms. Levison agreed to review the EDS documents provided by Mr. Price. Mr. Philippou reported that Mr. Woodsum advised the Bromfield School office is not on the emergency generator, and asked whether the BOH would like to consider an alternate location for installation of the satellite phone base. Mr. Philippou will explore alternate locations for installation with Mr. Woodsum. Mr. Philippou also suggested a future EAT request for a satellite phone communicator that would interface wirelessly with the phone while mounted on the base station, providing mobility (similar to a cell phone) during a satellite communication.
- f. Review Action Items – The action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

PERMITS

- Septic- an application for a new septic system at a Cleaves Hill Road lot, purchased by Homescout, was reviewed and issued.
- Waste Haulers- Ms. Flynn advised that she spoke with Mr. Stevens of GW Shaw & Sons to clarify outstanding issues on their application. He advised that commercial customers who are not currently recycling were sent the exemption form, but none were returned. The members reviewed the application package and agreed to issue a permit, requesting Ms. Flynn's cover letter ask that the Harvard BOH contact information be included on their notification to customers who set out visible waste ban materials, and that any exemption forms returned be forwarded to the BOH office.
- Stable- A stable permit application for 14 Whitney Lane was reviewed. Ms. Flynn advised that Ms. Allard indicated she had no comments on behalf of the Conservation Commission. The members agreed to issue a permit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Mr. Philippou made the motion to approve the draft minutes of February 14, 2019, as amended; Ms. Levison seconded. The vote was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA- Items for the next agenda were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT- Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.; Ms. Levison seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Flynn, Clerk

Documents Referenced:

- Agenda
- Environmental Health Trust's "Top 20 Facts on 5G: What You Need To Know About 5G Wireless and "Small" Cells"
- Map, "Existing Conditions: Water & FEMA Zones"
- Ticked Off invoice of February 19, 2019
- Septic permit application package for Cleaves Hill Road lot
- Waste Hauler permit application package for GW Shaw & Son
- Stable permit application for 14 Whitney Lane
- bedroom deed restriction for 17 Oak Hill Road
- Draft minutes of 2/14/19