

Board of Health Meeting

Minutes

January 18, 2017

7:00 PM

Sharon Community Center

Present: Ken Zoller, Chuck Levine, Ed Welch, Beverly Anderson, Jim Andrews. *Absent:* Jay Schwab, Luba Raynus.

The meeting began at 7:00 pm. Minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved. Zoller moved to approve the minutes; Welch seconded, all voted in favor.

Eric Dias from Strongpoint Engineering Solutions, for Diamond Builders, presented plans for construction of private homes in a new development at Azalea and Juniper Roads, Sharon. Dias requested relief from doing soils testing on all of the lots, as one lot would be reserved for soil testing and development after the initial development phase was completed. No approval of the plan was needed by the Board of Health at the hearing as septic system designs had not been completed. The Board asked that a letter be sent to the Sharon Planning Board noting that the Board was satisfied with the preliminary plans for the development.

The Board reviewed the budget materials for FY 2018. After discussion of the narrative and concerns regarding the fixed and uncontrollable elements, the Board decided to approve the budget. Zoller moved to approve, Welch seconded, all voted in favor.

Anderson then reviewed the different revolving funds and related materials for the Board of Health and other accounts that maintain balances but are no longer in active use. The Health Revolving Fund continues to maintain a balance of at least \$30,000 on a continuing basis. The Septic Revolving Fund, Donation Fund, Health Inspection Fund, Tobacco Compliance Grant Fund and Region 4A grant funds were also discussed. Anderson suggested that the Tobacco Compliance grants funds might be applied to compliance checks at local tobacco retailers, and then the fund could be closed out as the source of funding is no longer active. Zoller moved to use the Tobacco Fund for compliance checks; Welch seconded, all voted in favor. The Board asked that the Health Inspection Fund not be used for anything other than its specified use related to the Sharon Commons development. The Board agreed that the remaining Region 4A grant funds should be used for the purchase of pillows for the shelter, with reimbursement to Chuck Levine for the purchase, and the fund closed out.

The current work plan for Emergency Preparedness Region 4A was discussed. Anderson asked for information related to the sign overlays which Levine indicated he would provide. She noted that there is one more opportunity to revise the work plan for this budget period.

Anderson then reviewed the issues addressed during her meeting with Sarah McColgan from the Massachusetts Health Officers Association Tobacco Control Program.

The Board discussed Anderson's press release on radon testing in Sharon, and asked her to look into the cost of radon testing. Anderson noted that the State University of Kansas carries out this testing at \$15.00/test, but she will look into whether there is a discounted price.

The Board reviewed materials from the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Program. Welch asked that information on the areas where the ditches were cleaned be provided.

Anderson reviewed information in the Health Department report.

At 8:45 the Board adjourned the meeting. Zoller moved to adjourn; Welch seconded; all voted in favor.