

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

Community Center

7:00 pm

Present: C. Levine, K. Zoller, Ed Welch, Beverly Anderson, Jim Andrews

Also present: Bob Shelmerdine; Carl Chudnofsky, Ronald Davidson, Ken Zaniewski, David Katz, Sarah McColgan.

The meeting started at 7:00 pm. The first item on the agenda was a presentation by Robert Shelmerdine, attorney for a proposed development called Sharon Galleries, to be sited on North Main Street where a previous development, Sharon Commons, had been considered. He reviewed a proposed re-zoning warrant for Business District D with the Board of Health. The warrant would expand usage for the 59 acres and would change design criteria. Version 3 of the proposed warrant was reviewed. The site is in a water resource protection district. Shelmerdine noted that since the site would be served by a wastewater treatment facility permitted by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), a hotel or extended stay residence can be included in the plan. Shelmerdine expressed interest in returning at the Board of Health's March meeting to review any changes to the proposed development.

Ken Zaniewski from the Sharon Unitarian Church spoke. He asked that the Board vote to eliminate the requirement for a permit for the church's kitchen, which the organization has held for several years. He indicated that no caterers would be using the current kitchen, and that only potluck dinners with no service to the general public would be allowed. Anderson indicated that the kitchen should not have been fully permitted as it lacks a basic stove. She also noted however that other organizations with service profiles similar to that proposed by the Unitarian Church have been required by the Board of Health to maintain permits. Chuck Levine, noted that the non-profits do not have to pay a fee for their permits; however, Anderson noted that all non-profits are currently required to pay a \$75 permit fee. The Board agreed that the Unitarian Church did not need to maintain a permit, and that a vote was not necessary.

David Katz, owner of a property at 71R Glendale Road in Sharon presented plans for a 2 office facility for the site. He had proposed a 4 bedroom home for the site at a previous Board meeting but had been denied approval for the home as the plan would be considered new construction, and the plan for a mounded septic system would need to be allowed. Katz noted that the plan would maintain the footprint of the prior building on the site, and that a new septic system would replace the existing cesspool that served the building. A variance as to depth to groundwater would be necessary as the system would still need to be mounded. Katz indicated that since the plan would replace an existing building and cesspool, it should not be considered new construction; however, Jim Andrews argued to

the contrary. The Board discussed the plan for the 2-story building and whether the previous building had 2 stories. The Board asked the applicant to present a design to include an innovative/alternative wastewater system.

The Board asked Jim Andrews to review his work on septic systems over the past month. When asked about 62 South Main St., where the system had failed and a new system design approved, Andrews noted that no progress on construction of the system had occurred. Anderson was asked to send an order and penalty for failure to install the system.

The Board reviewed the request sent from the Town Clerk to approve the codification of the Board of Health regulations. Anderson indicated she had reviewed the codified version. Zoller moved to adopt the codified regulations; Welch seconded; all voted in favor.

Sarah McColgan from the Massachusetts Health Officers Association (MHOA) Tobacco Control Program briefly reviewed the new drafts of Article 22A and 22B of the Board of Health tobacco regulations. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Board needed to have changes to the regulations identified and discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Anderson reviewed the current work plan for use of the Region 4A funds. An automatic external defibrillator (AED) was approved and purchased, and signage for the shelter and emergency dispensing site had also been approved. These purchases left \$1827.50 in the regional allocation for spending by March 31, 2017. The Board asked that an additional AED to be used in the Town Offices to serve the public be requested. Anderson informed the Board that the purchase of the second AED, for use in the Town Offices, might be considered a case where town funding should be used rather than the public health Region 4A funds, and might be considered supplanting. In such a case the request might be denied by the Cambridge Health Alliance, the sponsoring organization.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting. Zoller moved to accept the minutes; Welch seconded, all voted in favor of the minutes provided.

Anderson briefly reviewed the presentation of the proposed 2018 budget for the Board of Health at the January 23, 2017 Finance Committee meeting. She also noted that she had provided information that the Finance Committee had requested, including year-end budget reports and information related to the "medical supplies" line item and the health revolving account. The information was sent via email to all Board members.

Levine described a proposal for an organizational analysis of the Health Department submitted by Community Paradigm Associates, Inc. Welch asked that there be a line item in the budget for the cost of the consultant (\$5,000); Levine noted that other sources for funding within the BOH budget could be considered. Zoller moved to approve the proposal.

The meeting ended at 9:05 pm. Zoller moved to end the meeting; Welch seconded, all voted in favor.

The Board reviewed pricing for radon test kits based on Anderson's proposal to carry out a radon testing promotion program for the town. After discussion, it was decided that 100 units of the "Air Check" test kits currently used by the Kansas University/EPA national radon program should be purchased.

The Board considered a request by the Sharon Independence Day Celebration Committee to provide funding for portable toilets at the July 3rd celebration. Three or four units would be needed. The Board asked for pricing to be provided before a decision is made.

March 15th was identified as a date for the next Board of Health meeting, and April 12th for the subsequent meeting.