

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2017

Community Center

7:00 pm

Present: C. Levine, K. Zoller, Jay Schwab, Luba Raynus, Beverly Anderson. *Absent:* E. Welch

The meeting began at 7:00 pm. The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 15, 2017 meeting; however, a quorum of Board members who had been at the February meeting were not present at this meeting, such that a vote could not be taken. The review of the minutes was rescheduled for the April meeting.

Chuck Levine requested the number associated with the Emergency Preparedness fund, which Anderson agreed to provide.

The Board reviewed proposed revised versions of the tobacco related regulations, including Articles 22A and 22B. The revisions were provided by Sarah McColgan from the Massachusetts Health Officers Association's (MHOA's) Tobacco Control Program. Anderson provided a brief review of the materials provided. It was agreed that a more formal review of the documents would be carried out at the April meeting.

The Board discussed participation in the "Sharon Green Day" event to occur in the town center in May. The Board asked Anderson to find out how many people had attended in previous years, which entities, what kind of services were represented, etc.

The work plan submitted to Region 4A was approved. Anderson noted that another chance might be available to modify the budget if any of the items on the work plan were not approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The Board approved having Linda Callan join an upcoming meeting to discuss her work on the Medical Reserve Corps.

Anderson provided information regarding radon outreach program. A question was posed regarding state or federal regulations related to radon in homes, e.g., if regulations were in place for home sales. The Board expressed interest in having public buildings tested as well. Anderson indicated she would research the regulatory issues. The Board also expressed concern that results from the testing of individual homes might be available to members of the public based on Freedom of Information requirements. Anderson noted that while the Health Department would maintain the serial number of a given test and the result, that information would not be linked in testing results or documents to the specific address where the test was carried out. She noted that given the variability of radon results

across time for a given home or building, the testing information would not be a reliable indicator of radon levels in a home over the long term.

The Board then review quotes from two companies that might supply portable toilets for the July 3rd event at Memorial Beach in Sharon. They asked that the information be provided in a different format so that the exact costs could be determined and compared.

Anderson reviewed the monthly report from the Health Department with the Board. The Board asked that the owner of the 62 South Main Street property be brought in for a hearing based on the owner's failure to respond to three fines and to address problems with the on-site wastewater system.

The Board tentatively agreed on May 17th, 2017 and June 21, 2017 for the next BOH meetings.

Luba Raynus and Ed Welch will take over at the next meeting as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

Zoller moved to adjourn the meeting; Schwab seconded, all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 8:12 pm.