

Sharon Board of Health Meeting

October 19, 2016

7:00 pm

Sharon Community Center

Present: Ken Zoller, Chuck Levine, Luba Raynus, Beverly Anderson, Jim Andrews.

Guests: Jennifer Mullen; David Lee, Phil Goran; Ellen Brams

The minutes from the September meeting of the Board of Health were scheduled for review; however, the Board decided that the review should happen at the next meeting as only two Board members present at the September meeting were available for the vote.

The agenda item related to beach testing was also deferred to the next meeting on November 16, 2016 due to the importance of the issue and the interests of the Board members not present.

Mr. David Lee presented plans for a new home at 109 Moosehill Parkway. The plans showed a four bedroom home with a separate office space. Lee explained that as he had been told by the Building Department that the office space could be considered a potential bedroom, he had purchased land from a neighbor to increase the size of the septic system. The current septic plan is now for a five bedroom home. Andrews argued, with support from a letter submitted to the Board by Joseph Kent of the Building Department, that two rooms in the basement could also be considered bedrooms. Mr. Lee argued that under 105 CMR 410.402 the rooms could not be considered bedrooms since they were more than 50% below grade. Raynus also noted that the rooms would not have windows, and no additional form of egress. After some discussion, led by Zoller, the plan was approved with changes to the framing of the two rooms such that it would be difficult to install an actual doorway on either room. Andrews referred to a "4 foot case opening" that would eliminate the use of the rooms as actual bedrooms. Mr. Lee agreed with this proposal.

Issues with 62 South Main Street housing violations were reviewed by Beverly Anderson, who indicated that most of the interior violations had been addressed. Andrews, who is in charge of septic issues, informed the Board that he had heard from the system designer who has encountered site restrictions that will make siting of a standard system difficult. Andrews noted however that there are alternative systems that may be put in place to accommodate both the medical practice currently in the building and the two apartments in the building. The Board asked that the landlord submit a schedule for pumping out the system regularly.

The Board then heard issues related to a housing issue at 35 Chessman Drive. Anderson reviewed the case, which involved the presence of several large moving containers at the site. Anderson explained that complaints had been received from neighbors about the site and maintenance of the home, but

that the containers were there to hold materials from the house so that major interior damage in the home could be repaired. She noted that some progress on the site had been observed and also reported by the company carrying out the repair process. Mrs. Brams provided further background information on the issues involved with the home. She noted that ABLE Restoration and the project leader John Fuccione had been involved with the project. The Board asked that the situation be resolved as soon as possible.

The Board took a recess to assist with the influenza immunization clinic at approximately 8:00 pm. The Board returned at 8:30 pm.

Anderson reviewed the new Budget Plan 5 for the Region 4A/4B Emergency Preparedness planning efforts. She indicated that \$5,000 would be available for spending by the Board, and that she needed to submit a budget plan to the region. The Board discussed the purchase of pillows for the shelter, currently planned for 200 individual beds. The purchase of additional "comfort kits" was also discussed.

The quarterly report for the Health Department was briefly discussed and Anderson noted it had been sent to all Board members. She noted the report had been requested by Fred Turkington, the Town Administrator.

The Board asked that two staff members present review their job responsibilities and related issues. Sheila Miller, Public Health nurse reviewed her work on hoarding, drug-related initiatives, flu clinics and patient and public outreach. Anderson review her responsibilities as Health Department Administrator and noted that a formal health assessment with Miller had not yet been scheduled.

The Board asked Anderson to send out an email regarding the purchase of supplies for the shelter, as two Board members were not present.

The November 16th meeting of the Board of Health was noted; a December meeting date was not identified. The meeting ended at 8:55 pm.