

## **Board of Health Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**December 15, 2016**

**2:00 pm**

### **Community Center**

*Present:* C. Levine, Jay Schwab, Ed Welch, Ken Zoller, Beverly Anderson, Jim Andrews. L. Raynus absent.

*Attending:* Larissa Swenson, Sarah McColgan, Tod Fishman, Stan Rosen, Sam Sabata, Bill Buckley, Zev Ilovitz, Kurt Parbst, and Charles Smith.

The meeting began at 2:00 pm. Minutes were reviewed and corrections provided. Zoller motioned to accept the minutes; Levine seconded, all voted in favor with the exception of Schwab who was not present at the November meeting.

The second agenda item was cancelled as Mr. John Ebers, owner of a Sharon property, contacted the Health Department to notify the Board that he no longer planned to install the type of well he had originally wished to discuss.

The Board reconsidered plans for spending of funds provided through Emergency Preparedness Region 4A. Anderson provided costs for two types of defibrillators recommended by Fire Chief Jim Wright. After some discussion, the Board members present asked that the \$5,000 be used to purchase two of the defibrillators at \$2200 each, and to also purchase a printer for the public health nurse. They asked that the purchase of the computer described on the original work plan for the purchases be supported with funds from the Health Revolving Account.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2018 budget. Corrections to the text and budget were provided.

Larissa Swenson, Program Coordinator for the Greater Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership and Sarah McColgan, Tobacco Control Director, Massachusetts Health Officers Tobacco Program spoke to the Board regarding Sharon's regulations, current regulatory issues related to new tobacco delivery devices such as e-cigarettes, the focus of the tobacco industry on minors, pricing, and related issues. McColgan commented on the current Sharon tobacco regulations and suggested that the model regulations her organization had developed might be more suitable, given gaps in the Sharon regulations and new definitions for tobacco products. Anderson offered to work with McColgan and Swenson to review and revise Sharon's current tobacco regulations, which the Board approved. Larissa offered to send new laws on marijuana to Anderson.

The Board then heard from the Four Daughters Compassionate Care organization, a non-profit organization that will be producing medical marijuana. The hearing was held based on a change in use

of the property. The facility will be sited at 1200 General Edwards Highway (Route 1). The septic system for the site had already been approved by J. Andrews. The Board reviewed plans for the site and manufacturing process and posed questions of the owners and contractors involved in the development of the project.

Anderson briefly reviewed the Health Department report with the Board. Anderson was asked to provide information on the different revolving funds to the Board at its January meeting.

Anderson asked for approval of a total donation of \$80.00 to the Donations revolving fund, which the Board approved. The donations were from the recent influenza immunization clinics.

A meeting date of February 15, 2017 was agreed upon by the Board.

Zoller moved to adjourn, Schwab seconded, all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 4:00 pm.