

Board of Health Meeting

April 13, 2016

7:00 PM

Sharon Community Center

Present: Ed Welch, Jay Schwab, Chuck Levine, Ken Zoller. Luba Raynus joined the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Public: Todd Pilling, Pilling Engineering

The meeting began at 7:00 pm.

The minutes from the March 31, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved without comment. Anderson then reviewed improvements to the Health Department and Board of Health web pages including addition of the new regulations, removal of outdated items, addition of material on lake testing, etc. Anderson also reviewed a draft protocol for housing issues and referred Board to additional information on hoarding issues and the importance of regulatory enforcement in addition to social and medical oversight.

At 7:10 pm the Board heard information related to a septic system proposed design at 40 Quincy Street in Sharon. Todd Pilling from Pilling Engineering reviewed basis for a new septic system design to replace the existing but failing system. He reviewed the design for a mounded system and presented design changes requested at the March 31st Board of Health meeting. Levine motioned to approve the plan contingent upon Jim Andrew's approval of the final design; Schwab seconded, all voted in favor.

Check into Susan Edinger's work with Hessco and Joe Kent's work on housing???

The Board then turned to a discussion of issues related to dogs on town beaches. Article 28 was discussed, current signage reviewed, and other issues including Board minutes from 2012 discussed. The Board asked that more information be provided. Anderson agreed to provide a timeline of discussions and decisions by the Board as described in the minutes, to examine current scientific literature on health issues related to dogs in swimming areas, and to gather information on actions by other towns involving restriction of dogs on beaches. Anderson also agreed to draft proposed revisions to Article 28 based on issues discussed at the meeting (off season use of the beach, use of beach path, etc.), and the need for the Article to reflect more decisions made since the article's approval.

A Board of Health meeting was scheduled for June 15, 2016, with a hearing to be scheduled and advertised. The election for a new Chair should be added to the agenda.

Anderson reviewed work on a public presentation regarding mosquito control efforts and issues related to Lyme Disease and ticks, requested by the Board at the March 31, 2016 meeting. The Board agreed that

in addition to information on Lyme Disease, an update on Zika virus issues should be included if possible. Anderson indicated that a May date would be the earliest that such a presentation would be possible.

The Board asked that Sheila Miller attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the Sharon Drug Coalition and its efforts.

The Board asked that more information be provided with regard to the draft operational plan for the Health Department provided by Anderson.

Raynus voted to adjourn the meeting; Levine seconded, all voted in favor.