

## **Board of Health Meeting**

**January 7, 2015**

**7:00 pm**

**Sharon Community Center Conference Room**

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

Chuck Levine opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Minutes from the December 8, 2014 meeting of the Board of Health were reviewed and approved without revision.

The budget for refuse collection (\$11k) and exemptions allowed for residents who meet certain criteria was discussed. Levine noted that the current budget cannot cover persons in the upper income level (\$55K) cited in the budget. He asked that the Board consider a definition of the eligible group that can be supported given financial constraints. Stan Rosen provided recent census information that will be distributed to the Board for further consideration.

Levine also reviewed the proposed overall budget for FY 2016. He noted that the Inspectional Services line item was originally identified as a salary cost; however, the service is a 1099 cost and was moved to the general expense section of the budget. Ken Zoller asked if further information might be provided on expenses for dumpster services.

Jim Andrews, Health Agent for DPW, recommended that the Board update regulations, specifically Article 7 related to septic systems, and also regulations pertaining to wells. He indicated he would provide comments to the Board on the regulations. The review and revision of other regulations was also discussed.

Beverly Anderson, Health Administrator, provided materials related to an underground storage tank at Tedeschi's for review and final signature. She also informed that Board that a contract inspector, Angelo DeLuca, had met with her and Sheila Miller, Public Health Nurse, on January 6, 2015. Mr. de Luca will start inspections at 14 licensed food facilities with the goal of completing initial inspections within 30 days.

Anderson also discussed a notice from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources on NSTAR's Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), including the proposed use of herbicides to control vegetation near their transmission and distribution lines. The information will be sent to Board of Health members for review.

Future Board of Health meeting dates were proposed for February 11<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 7:25 pm.