

Sharon Board of Health Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2015

7:00 pm

Conference Room, Sharon Community Center

Present: Chuck Levine, Jay Schwab, Luba Raynus, Ken Zoller, Beverly Anderson, Jim Andrews. *Absent:* Ed Welch.

Also present: Atty. Paul Schneider; Brandon Blanchard, Pare Corporation, Rhode Island; Dr. Amir Malik, President, AMC; Ralph Genrazzo, 44 South Main Street (abutter); Shazad Bult; Matthew Lewis, Architectural Resources; Been Zen Wang, Architectural Resources;

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 9, 2015 Board of Health meeting. The minutes were accepted with minor typographical corrections.

Levine then invited attendees representing the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to speak regarding a proposed new mosque. Dr. Amir Malik briefly described the plans for the mosque, the Muslim community, and general use of the planned facility. He noted that the group was looking for general Board approval of the plan, which was dependent on purchase of a nearby property. Brandon Blanchard then reviewed the septic plan for the site and reviewed design flows. He referred to a document distributed to the Board of Health from the Pare Corporation that outlined the process for determining the design flows. He also discussed the prospective growth of this Muslim community. Jim Andrews asked Blanchard to confirm that rather than the previously described phased-in system, this would now be a single plan for a system that would address total design flows and issues to support any future development of the mosque. Ralph Genazzaro, an abutter at 44 South Main Street, identified himself but had no comments. Andrews noted that the mosque presentation was different from earlier plans he had reviewed. The Board thanked the mosque representatives; no formal decision was made by the Board about the plans presented.

The Board turned to review and revision of the local regulations. The Board first reviewed the proposed nuisance regulations developed by Luba Raynus. Anderson noted that she had reviewed the document, and offered comments to include changing the term “notice” to “order” (to correct); a change to a citation related to fees; and inclusion of and reference to “occupant” in the text. The last inclusion was recommended by Attorney Lisa Whelan from Gellerman and Cabral. Zoller moved to accept the changes; Schwab seconded; all present voted in favor.

The Board then reviewed issues related to Article 7. Lisa Whelan had recommended that the Board consider keeping the word “cesspool” in a section of Article 7 related to system maintenance. After some discussion with Jim Andrews, the Board decided to keep the existing text deletions and not to restore the word to the text. No vote was taken.

Anderson asked the Board if it wished to consider any changes or additions to Article 20, the tanning regulations. She noted that both the number and title of the regulation had been reserved in a prior meeting. After some discussion regarding age limits, the Board voted to add an age limit to the regulations, i.e., “no person under 18 years of age may be allowed to use a tanning unit or facility”. Raynus voiced issues related to parental consent for children under age 18. Schwab motioned to add the restriction to the regulation; Zoller seconded; three Board members approved while Raynus abstained.

The Board then reviewed proposed changes to the tobacco regulations, Article 22A, proposed by D.J. Wilson, an attorney with the Mass Municipal Association. The proposed changes involved incorporation of new definitions for E-cigarettes; an addition to the “out of package sales” policy; an addition to subsection G related to the distribution of nicotine in a liquid or gel substance after March 15, 2016; and, a statement related to the effective date of the regulations. The specific changes were described in a memorandum from Mr. Wilson to the Sharon Board of Health, dated October 5, 2015. Raynus moved to make the changes to Article 22A as recommended; Schwab seconded; all approved.

These changes concluded the 2015 revision of the Board of Health regulations.

Anderson briefly described material given to Jay Schwab, and to the Board, related to regulations on childcare facilities, and information related to blood lead levels in children under 48 months of age in Sharon. Anderson noted that Board would have no regulatory authority with respect to the daycares in town. Schwab recommended that an educational program related to lead paint be initiated instead to make residents aware of the dangers of lead to small children.

Anderson briefly reviewed plans to develop a new licensing database, and current concerns with the process in the Health Department.

Daniel Happnie asked to be on the next month’s agenda and conveyed that to Anderson.

Schwab motioned to adjourn; Zoller seconded; all voted in favor.