

Sharon Board of Health Minutes

Board of Health Meeting

December 2, 2015

Sharon Community Center

7:00 pm

Attending: Chuck Levine, Jay Schwab, Luba Raynus, Ken Zoller, Ed Welch, Beverly Anderson, Jim Andrews

The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

The minutes were reviewed and a minor error noted. Raynus moved to approve the minutes; Welch seconded, all approved.

Levine indicated he would like to schedule a second meeting in December, and the Board discussed dates. Levine indicated that he would email members of the Board to identify a date when the Board could meet. He indicated that December 28th might work.

The Board reviewed a section of Article 7, Section 300-7.10 Repairs and upgrades to existing systems, Section B, related to major and minor additions to a home or building. The Board discussion focused on the definition of "major" and "minor" additions, when a system inspection is required, internal plan review and related issues. Raynus moved to simplify the language in Section B to read: "Upgrades to existing systems. Whenever a building permit must be obtained from the Sharon Building Department inspector, the Health Agent for Engineering shall review all such permits to determine sufficiency under Title 5 and Article 7. If the system is determined to be in failure as defined by Title 5, it shall be upgraded or replaced to meet current standards under Title 5 and Article 7. Any proposals which include an increase in design flow shall require the system to meet current standards under Title 5 and Article 7". Raynus further moved to strike the sections noted and the related definitions of minor and major additions. The second sentence of Section B was deleted, along with subsections (1) and (2), with the exception of the second sentence under subsection 2(a), "If the system is determined...". The last sentence of B(2)(b) was maintained. Zoller seconded the motion; all approved.

Levine asked Anderson to look into a Skype connection for Jay Schwab, who will not be able to attend the meetings when he is away during the winter. He also suggested that Linda Callan, who is experienced with Skype, be contacted in this regard.

Levine asked Anderson to address the monthly report. Anderson first noted to the Board that the recent report on cancer rates in Sharon had been received from the Massachusetts Cancer Registry. The Board briefly discussed the document.

Anderson then noted that while the Board permits “lodging houses”, there are no local regulations, and no state regulations specific to the Board of Health. She will continue to look into the matter, noting that Fitchburg and Brookline have local regulations for lodging houses.

Anderson provided the monthly report for the Health Department. She noted that information on influenza clinics and work of the public health nurse needs to be included in future reports. Among the issues discussed on the report were:

- 1) Use of the \$4,700 funding from the MDPH Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management. After some discussion of additional materials that might be needed for a shelter, including pillows, “comfort kits”, medical supplies, etc., it was suggested that Anderson confer with Ken Zoller, who is experienced with Red Cross shelter operations.
- 2) Anderson briefly went over the results and intent of the recent staff notification exercise, required under the Region 4A emergency preparedness funding program. Levine asked that Board members be included in the notification list for the next exercise.
- 3) Anderson went over the food establishment inspection schedule, noting that many of the permitted establishments cannot be inspected by the contract inspector due to time constraints. She noted that she has completed most of the inspections for the first two quarters of FY 16.
- 4) Andrews reviewed his work related to septic systems over the past month.

Raynus mentioned Sheila Miller’s work running clinics at the Sharon Middle School and applauded the public outreach effort.

Anderson provided a copy of a check written out to the Health Department, which was reimbursement related to legal actions against Stericycle, Inc. The Sharon Fire Department uses Stericycle for disposal of sharps waste collected in the Fire Station.

The Board then reviewed a memorandum from Anderson regarding issues with the Health Department and recommendations for consideration. Discussion ensued regarding how to review and if necessary follow up on the recommendations. It was decided that Raynus and Schwab would meet as a subcommittee to discuss the recommendations and convey their conclusions or any revisions to the Board. Levine also noted that he intended to meet on a weekly basis with Health Department staff to assess activities and schedules. He invited other Board members to attend.

The Board asked that, given the limited office staffing, that a board to record when staff would be in or out be placed on the office door to record when staff were in or out.

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