

## **Board of Health Meeting**

**March 31, 2016**

**Sharon Community Center**

**Room 26**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

*Present:* Ed Welch, Chair; Jay Schwab, Vice-Chair; Luba Raynus; Chuck Levine; Ken Zoller; Jim Andrews, Health Agent for Engineering; Beverly Anderson, Health Administrator; Greg Meister, Conservation Commission Administrator.

*Public:* Michelle Testa; David Katz; Ron Knott David; Rene Gagnon; Peter Lyons

The meeting began at 7:00 pm. Welch noted that the hearing for 40 Quincy Street would be taken off the agenda and scheduled for the April 13, 2016 meeting.

The meeting began with the continuance of a hearing regarding a proposed septic system at 71R Glendale Road in Sharon. The Board heard further arguments from Outback Engineering and the owner of the property, David Katz regarding a proposed septic system variance of Article 7, Section 7.7 (A) and (B). The proposed plan called for a mounded system to address distance to groundwater requirements for the system. Andrews indicated that a decision in favor of the proposed system would be precedent setting for Sharon as the design would not be allowed for new construction under current Article 7 regulations. Outback Engineering presented information on other similarly constructed systems approved for construction in the past. Zoller moved to approve the proposed system and Schwab seconded the motion. Upon taking a vote, three Board of Health members were opposed, and two voted in favor. The motion did not pass and the variance request was denied.

Based on the published time of the second variance hearing scheduled, the Chair asked to consider other items on the agenda. Minutes from the January 27<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings were discussed. Changes were requested and noted. Raynus moved to accept the January 27<sup>th</sup> minutes, Levine seconded, all voted in favor of the motion. Levine moved to approve the February 11, 2016 minutes with changes; Zoller seconded, all voted in favor. Raynus moved to approve the March 2, 2016 minutes; Levine seconded, all voted in favor. Zoller moved to approve the March 23, 2016 minutes; Raynus seconded, all voted in favor.

Anderson briefly discussed with the Board the possibility of asking the Norfolk Mosquito Control District to give a presentation to the Board on mosquito control issues and possibly Zika virus. The Board agreed that a larger training that might include an additional presentation on Lyme Disease, which could be opened to the public would be preferable to one limited to a Board meeting. Anderson indicated she would look into whether speakers would be available for such an event.

The Board of Health then heard a variance request for a system at 31 Mohawk Street, continued from the March 23, 2016 meeting. Peter Lyons from Collins Engineering indicated that the variance was requested for an existing 3 bedroom home. He requested a variance in favor of, 1) a soil analysis rather than a percolation test for the soil absorption system, as saturated soils were present; 2) a variance from depth to groundwater requirements from 5 feet to 4 feet; and a variance of the bylaw related setback reduction from 125 feet to a wetland to 84 feet. The Board heard information related to conditions on the site of the proposed septic system. Levine motioned to approve the variances, Raynus seconded. Four members of the Board voted to approve the variances; Schwab abstained.

The Board then reviewed information Anderson had provided regarding existing regulations and bylaws related to dogs, service animals, and beach usage. The Board asked for further information regarding past decisions on the issue. The Board also reviewed current signage on the issue currently in place at town beaches.

Zoller motioned to adjourn the meeting; Levine seconded; all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.