

## **Board of Health Meeting**

**November 15, 2017**

**Sharon Community Center**

**7:00 pm**

Present: Jay Schwab, Ed Welch, Luba Raynus, Chuck Levine. Absent: Ken Zoller.

Also present: Ralph Generazzo, Valerie Kafka, Kathy McIsaac, Eileen Generazzo, Nancy Kameli, Jose Veira, Brian Greeley, Barbara Green, John Hansen, Carolyn Stoller, Michael Merport, Susan Sternburg, Jason Sternburg.

The Board reviewed meeting minutes from the October 18, 2017 meeting. Welch moved to approve the minutes, Levine seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Raynus abstained as she was not present at the October meeting.

The issue of indoor air quality problems in the Council on Aging facility was discussed. Valerie Kafka described the odors she had detected. She also complained about the documents placed at the building for guests to register their complaints, and indicated they were inaccessible. Schwab and the Board members agreed that the binder containing the complaint sheets should be made available at the front desk so that the person complaining could write in the complaint. Schwab indicated that the Board would evaluate the complaints at a later meeting when more data would be available.

The Board heard arguments for remodeling of a home at 269 Massapoag Avenue and issues related to the septic system there and nearby wetlands. Both Raynus and Welch recused themselves from the hearing due to conflicts of interest. The two remaining members of the Board informed the owner, Michael Merport, and the builder, ET Engineering, that they could not vote on the proposal as they could not meet the requirement for a quorum. The parties agreed to present the case for the property and the Board would hold a meeting next week to consider and vote upon the proposal when a quorum was present. The Board was informed that the proposed septic tank design, to be installed along with relocation of a pool and remodeling of the home, would be compliant with Title 5, but not with Article 7 of the Board of Health regulations. Both Andrews, Health Agent for Engineering, and Meister, Conservation Administrator, voiced their concerns about the proposal including proximity to wetlands, high groundwater levels, the need for a mounded septic system, and limitations of the lot. Levine motioned to continue the hearing at a later date; Schwab seconded, all voted in favor to continue the hearing.

Minutes of the September 27, 2017 Board of Health meeting were approved. Raynus motioned to approve the minutes, Schwab seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

The matter of lifeguards at semi-public pools was continued from the Board of Health meeting on October 18, 2017. Schwab noted the financial impact of requiring a lifeguard at some of the pools in Sharon and suggested that the Board consider requiring additional criteria for semi -public pools that chose to operate without a lifeguard. The Board asked Anderson to work with representatives of the pools to assemble a list of criteria for the Board's review. The Board also asked that the materials be shared with representatives of the Avalon and Cape Club pool facilities. Schwab suggested that a hearing on the matter could be scheduled for March 2018.

The Board reviewed the proposed FY 2019 budget. The Board expressed concerns regarding potential increases to the telephone bill and asked for clarification and a review of the bills. The Board also asked Anderson to discuss a proposed budget item related to contract required payments for overtime with Fred Turkington.

Anderson reviewed her work with the Sharon Police Department regarding problems with the Econolodge in Sharon, and her work with the Braintree and Malden health departments to use the nuisance law to address the problems. Anderson agreed to develop a draft set of regulations for motels and hotels that would include some of the requirements discussed with the Econolodge for consideration as a new regulation. The Board rejected consideration of a smoking restriction for hotels and motels however.

The Board decided to hold the next meetings on December 19, 2017 and on January 4, 2018.

Schwab motioned to make Ken Zoller Chair of the Board of Health as of the next meeting; Raynus seconded the motion, all voted in favor.