

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

7:00 pm

Sharon Community Center

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

Also present: Jiten Patel and Ketan Patel with Econolodge

The meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Ken Zoller read a letter to Jim Andrews, Health Agent for Engineering, in response to an announcement that Mr. Andrews would be retiring from his position in early March.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 23, 2018 meeting. Raynus moved to approve the minutes from the meeting with changes to the fourth paragraph as noted. Levine seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval of the minutes.

The Board also reviewed the minutes for the November 21, 2017 meeting, based on the vote of both Chuck Levine and Ken Zoller who were present at that meeting and thus formed a quorum of the quorum present. Levine voted to approve the minutes, Zoller seconded and both voted in favor of the minutes presented.

Jiten Patel and Ketan Patel, who operate the Econolodge in Sharon, indicated that they had notified the Best Western of the proposed regulations. The Board discussed issues related to the regulations briefly. Raynus motioned to continue the review of the proposed regulations at the March Board of Health meeting, and recommended that the Health Department reach out to parties interested in the regulation. Levine seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. The review of the regulations was changed to the March 13, 2018 meeting.

The Board briefly discussed recent data Anderson had requested from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on the prevalence of Diabetes Type 1 in Sharon and across the State. The information provided did not show a significant difference between the rates in Sharon and those across the State. The Board agreed to continue to monitor rates of the disease to determine if there is a trend.

The Board discussed issues related to the new pick-up process for trash and the subsidized trash program. Anderson noted that given the deadline for selecting a trash barrel, i.e., by February 15, 2018, the Health Department and the Council on Aging agreed to send out a letter to all households currently served by the subsidized trash program. The letter noted that persons and families on the program would receive only a 35 gallon trash barrel, subject to further consideration by the Board of Health. Cases involving specific needs in the subsidized populations were discussed. Raynus noted that the

program should include an evaluation based on a case by case basis, but increases in trash barrel volume should only be allowed up to the medium sized unit. She motioned to expand the subsidized trash program to allow on a case by case basis the use of the 65 gallon barrel. Levine seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Corrections were made to the proposed articles related to the Health and Septic Revolving accounts, submitted by Lisa Whelan with Gelerman and Cabral.

Anderson briefly reviewed actions taken with respect to a request for a body art service at the P&T Nails site in Shaw's plaza. She indicated that the owner of P&T Nails was instructed to request a change in the special permit issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Shaw's Plaza before a permit from the Board of Health could be issued.

Anderson was asked to provide information on the date of the Finance Committee meeting where an article requesting fines to be assigned to violations of the nuisance law would be discussed.

The Board then reviewed signage material provided by Linda Berger from the Recreation Department. The signs were developed to reduce the number of individual signs posted across the different beaches, and to coalesce the information. The Board asked Anderson to convey to the Recreation Department that the Board of Health requests that the existing signs related to animals on the beaches be left in place, and that references to the ban on animals in the proposed signs be eliminated.

The Board discussed the hiring of a new staff person by the DPW to replace Jim Andrews position. The Board noted that the title for the position was changed from "Health Agent for Engineering" to "Field Agent for Engineering".

Raynus motioned for Chuck Levine to assume the role of Chair of the Board of Health for the next three months. Zoller seconded and all voted in favor.

Raynus moved to adjourn the meeting, Levine seconded the motion, all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 8:45 pm.