

## **Sharon Board of Health Meeting**

**March 26, 2018**

**7:00 pm**

**Sharon Community Center**

Present: C. Levine, L. Raynus, J. Schwab, K. Zoller, B. Anderson

Also present: Lance Del Priore (Sharon DPW), Kevin Davis (Sharon DPW), Jiten Patel (Econolodge), Ketan Patel (Econolodge), Ashish Sanyari (Best Western Hotel), Chief Tilden Kaufman (Sharon Police Department), Lt. Don Williams, Lt. Don Brewer, Deputy Chief John Ford.

The Board welcomed Lance Del Priore and Kevin Davis, who have taken over responsibility for septic issues at the Department of Public Works following Jim Andrews departure. Del Priore indicated that Davis would be taking over full responsibility as the Health Agent for the Board of Health with regard to septic issues shortly. The Board then voted to have Del Priore serve as the Health Agent for DPW until Davis could fill the role. Schwab motion to appoint Del Priore as Health Agent; Zoller seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

The Board then heard comments from the Sharon Police Department, and representatives of the Econolodge Motel and the Best Western Hotel, regarding proposed regulations for motels and hotels in Sharon. The draft regulations, based on those already passed by the Board of Health in Malden and a decision made regarding the Motel 6 in Braintree, were developed in response to high rates of criminal activity and related police actions at the Econolodge and Best Western facilities. Kaufman noted that the Police and Health Departments had collaborated on the draft material. Key issues discussed at the meeting included the following: call logs; surveillance of the properties; copying of photo identification materials; length of record maintenance to include surveillance materials and identification photos; lodging contracts; guest registers and police review. J. Patel indicated that he had reviewed publications related to a Supreme Court ruling against police review of hotel/motel registers, and expressed his concern that federal agencies might get access to the entire register and past copies. Kaufman noted that the Massachusetts laws allowed such review, and the police department could go to court to access the register for individual names as required. Concerns were also expressed about copying licenses and identification cards. Police and Board members argued that new technology should be available to make this task feasible without significant time or space. Section 9 of the draft was deleted and sections 8 and 10 were combined. The Board also asked that the draft be revised to require that surveillance tapes are maintained for 60 as opposed to 30 days. The Board also asked that Anderson look into adding a section regarding lighting of the exterior property, which she agreed to do. A question was raised about smoking on the property and the effectiveness of a full smoking ban. Both organizations indicated that a full smoking ban was in effect. Zoller moved to accept the regulations with the changes noted; Raynus

seconded the motion; all voted in favor. The Board asked Anderson to include a review of the regulations at the next meeting with regard to lighting and other findings.

The minutes for February 13, 2018 were reviewed. Raynus voted to approve the February 13, 2018 minutes; Zoller seconded; Schwab abstained as he was absent for the meeting; all voted in favor.

Raynus voted to accept the November 15, 2017 meeting minutes; Schwab seconded the motion; Zoller abstained as he was absent from the meeting. All voted in favor of the minutes based on the presence of a quorum of the quorum at the November meeting.

The Board reviewed proposed signage materials for the Lake Massapoag boat ramp submitted by the Recreation Department. The Board asked that the existing signs related to a ban on animals at the lake be maintained in place.

Anderson then discussed issues relating to a proposed body art license in the Shaw's plaza, innovative/alternative system testing, and the subsidized trash program. She also reviewed the Health Department report for the month.

Raynus moved to conclude the meeting; Zoller seconded the motion; all voted in favor at 9:10 pm.