

Board of Health Meeting

May 17, 2018

7:00 pm

Sharon Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes

Present: C. Levine, J. Schwab, L. Raynus, K. Zoller, Lance Delpriore, B. Anderson, S. Miller. *Absent:* Ed Welch

Also present: Jen Forster, Camp Wonderland

The Board of Health reviewed the minutes from the April 25, 2018 meeting. Raynus moved to accept the minutes with changes noted; Schwab seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Anderson informed the Board that the two articles submitted by the Board of Health for Town Meeting approval, one related to expansion of use of the health revolving account and the second related to fines for violations of the nuisance law, had been approved.

Sheila Miller spoke next requesting that the Board grant a variance to the Wonderland Camp run by the Salvation Army related to 105 CMR 430.00: Minimal Standards for Recreational Camps for Children. Miller asked the Board to allow a variance regarding the age requirement for a candidate for the Aquatics Director position at the camp. The regulations specify that the role be filled by a person 21 years of age or older. Jen Forster, Director of the Wonderland camp, had provided a letter to Board recommending the candidate. The letter noted that the candidate would turn 21 in August of 2018. Miller also noted that she did not request the camps to provide copies of required certifications for camps until the time of inspection. She said she had a lifeguard certification with her for the candidate, who is currently employed by Camp Wonderland, but did not distribute a copy of the certificate to the Board. Anderson asked which organization had provided the certification and Miller indicated the Red Cross. Zoller motioned to approve the request for a variance to the camp regulations related to the age of the candidate. Raynus seconded the motion and all present voted in favor of the variance. Miller indicated she would write a letter to Camp Wonderland regarding the Board of Health decision.

Lance Delpriore presented information related to the regulatory definition of a bedroom in a home to the Board. He indicated that he had met with the Health Department, Assessors Department, Conservation Commission, Building Department and Zoning representatives and reviewed the definition of a bedroom in each of the relevant codes. He indicated that septic plans would be reviewed based on specific criteria for a bedroom noted in the regulations each department requires. He noted that the Health and Assessors departments see basement space as not suitable for bedrooms. He also noted that

Article 7 should be modified to reflect the evaluation process for plans showing rooms that might be considered bedrooms, and related septic design issues.

Delpriore then reviewed proposed changes to Article 7, the local regulations related to Title Five for septic systems. The proposed amendments were provided on a document dated April 19, 2018. The Board voted;

Proposed change A-1

300-7.9 Automatic Failures. A. Change section to say “At the time of inspections...*to be structurally sound and leak proof*” replacing the term “sound proof” in the original.

Proposed change A-2

300-7.4(13) Plan requirements-Eliminate section of regulation related to “DEP Form 11, Soil Suitability, must be completed and submitted”.

Proposed change A-3

300-7.3 Change the word “completion” in sections A, B, and C to “*compliance*”.

Proposed change A-4

300-7.1 Definitions. Treatment Works. Eliminate phrase “...*or with an innovative alternative (IA) system*”. Delpriore noted that the requirements for a treatment works conflict with placement of I/A systems, and that the two different systems should not be addressed with a single definition. Delpriore noted that the term “treatment works” is used elsewhere in the regulation. The Board agreed to delay changes to the section in 300-7.5 until further clarification of its usage across Article 7 could be evaluated.

Proposed change A-5

300-7.5 Delpriore asked that the Board consider changes to the 300-7.5 A. to read “All components *“within 10 feet of any area subject to vehicular traffic”* shall be capable of supporting AASHTO HS20-44 loads *“or as deemed necessary by the Board of Health or it’s Agent.”* The Board approved the changes noted in italics. Delpriore argued that the requirement for all systems to meet the requirements of HS20-44 are excessive, increase the expense of a system, and make systems harder to install.

The Board agreed to vote on the incremental changes to Article 7 rather than waiting for a complete analysis and amendment to the entire regulation.

Raynus motioned to approve the proposed amendments to Article 7 of the Board of Health regulations described in the letter of April 19, 2018 to include changes to sections A-1, A-2, A-3, and A-5, but not A-4. Schwab seconded the motion; all voted in favor of the motion.

Anderson reviewed the proposed use of the septic revolving fund to support a contractor to review innovative alternative systems and their use in Sharon. She indicated that she had discussed the

proposed use with DPW staff and that there had been agreement that the project also address issues related to system tracking, testing, testing of potentially affected water resources, future planning to protect water resources, and guidance related to groundwater and surface water protection and septic system variances. She noted that she had also spoken with Greg Meister, Conservation Administrator, who had expressed interest in participating in the project. She also indicated that she had spoken with representatives of the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) to identify possible contractors for the project. Finally, she indicated she had spoken to representatives of Barnstable County regarding a tracking system they provide for I/A systems across several Cape Cod towns.

Anderson provided the Board with a request from the July 3rd committee to fund portable restrooms for the July 4th celebration event. She provided two quotes to support 9 restrooms and one handicapped accessible restroom. After discussion, Zoller voted to approve use of funding to support rental of 10 portable restrooms for the July 3rd event. Schwab seconded the motion. Schwab, Zoller and Levine voted in favor of the motion; Raynus opposed the motion noting that she wished to review last year's quote for the restrooms. The Board asked Anderson to use the municipal trash fund to support the cost of the rental.

Anderson described work with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds and a brief plan submitted to record compliance with deed restrictions placed on properties by the Board of Health. She was asked to add language related to provision of a letter to applicants requesting proof of compliance with the requirement of a deed restriction and provision of a copy of the completed deed to the Board of Health.

Zoller asked for information on CPR classes available. Anderson indicated she had contacted the Sharon Community Education Program and that they offer CPR classes in the fall. She noted that the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) also offers such classes, and Zoller noted that he had spoken with Linda Callan and that the cost for the classes is free for the MRC, and that they offer CPR classes in the fall for \$50.00. Zoller also reviewed information on diabetes prevalence in the Sharon school system, and noted that the rates were not significantly high.

Levine asked to address several issues. He noted that the proposed ban on marijuana retail sales in Sharon had not passed at Town Meeting. He asked Anderson to track information related to marijuana sales and local public health options with respect to oversight and regulation.

Levine also noted that a plan for a new high school is being designed, and that the Board of Health has an interest in the proposed design related to its use of the facility for a shelter and for an emergency dispensing site. He asked Anderson to develop a letter for the Board requesting that the School Committee and the Standing Building Committee consider the needs of the Board of Health and to request the opportunity to provide input into the plan.

Levine also indicated that he is the representative to the Town's Master Planning Committee. He noted that a survey has been distributed and asked the Board of Health members to complete the survey.

Anderson reviewed the Health Department report for the past month.

Levine provided Anderson with an inventory list of all equipment purchased using Region 4A Public Health Emergency Preparedness funds that remain in storage.

Levine noted that Luba Raynus should be the next Chair of the Board of Health, and that Jay Schwab be the Vice-Chair. Zoller motioned that Raynus be the Chair at the next meeting and Schwab the Vice Chair; Levine seconded, all voted in favor of the motion.

Board of Health meetings were schedule for June 12, 2018 and July 19th.

Raynus moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm; Zoller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.