

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2018

7:00 pm

Sharon Community Center

Present: Luba Raynus, Jay Schwab, Ken Zoller, Chuck Levine, Beverly Anderson, Kevin Davis (DPW).

Absent: Ed Welch

The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

The Board was provided with and reviewed the following documents prior to and during the meeting:

- Agenda, BOH Meeting July 26, 2018
- “Few Who Vape Stop Smoking, Study Finds”. *Wall Street Journal*. July 9, 2018
- FY 2018 Sharon Health Budget report
- F. Turkington email, July 13, 2018
- Article 7 Amendments for BOH Meeting, July 19, 2018
- Memorandum from Linda Callan to Sharon Board of Health, July 16, 2018
- Pages 10-13 of “An Evaluation of Structure and Operations of Town of Sharon Health Department”, June 2017. Community Paradigm Associates, LLC
- “Imagine Sharon” planning agenda for July 10, 2018.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 12th, 2018 Board of Health meeting. Zoller requested a wording change in the last paragraph, first page to read: “Following an incident...” instead of “During an incidence”. Schwab voted to accept the minutes of the June meeting; Levine seconded, all voted in favor of accepting the minutes. Raynus abstained as she was not present at the June 12, 2018 Board of Health meeting.

Anderson reviewed the Health Department report for the period from June 13th through July 26th. Raynus noted that she had written to the contact for Imagine Sharon, Sue Price, but had yet to hear back from the leads of the community health component, Signe Peterson Flieger and Laura Smead.

Anderson reviewed the issues related to the subsidized trash program and Fred Turkington’s note regarding funding. Anderson noted the large increase (from \$45/barrel to \$72/barrel) in cost with the new trash program. She was asked to look into the change in net cost for the subsidized trash program.

Jay Schwab presented information including an article from the Washington Post related to vaping and tobacco usage. Anderson described her meeting with Dr. Lester Hartman MD, MPH from Harvard Medical School and his work on flavored tobacco and vaping. She indicated that Dr. Hartman is interested in speaking with the Board about these issues and the regulations adopted by neighboring

towns. The Board agreed that Anderson should contact Dr. Hartman about attending the September Board of Health meeting or identify another date when colleagues from the Sharon schools, police or other interested citizens might be invited.

Kevin Davis presented proposed changes to Article 7, the local Sharon regulations related to septic systems and Title Five. Schwab voted to accept the proposed changes; Zoller seconded, all voted in favor of the revisions provided. The changes described and voted upon are included with these minutes as Attachment 1.

Raynus described discussions with Ken Zoller regarding development of the Health Department. She also reviewed several recommendations from a report provided in 2017 by Paradigm Associates, Inc., related to their analysis of the Health Department. Based on the recommendations, she identified the following recommendations from the report for consideration:

- 1) She noted reorganization of the current office space as a critical issue and asked Anderson to contact the DPW regarding help with the process.
- 2) She asked that the Board consider supporting the development of a “human services working group” as described by Paradigm in the report. Anderson indicated that there are existing relationships between health and other departments, but there was agreement that there should be a formal relationship. Anderson offered to draft a letter to the Town Administrator in this regard.
- 3) Raynus then mentioned the consultant’s recommendation that the “fixed and uncontrollable” funds no longer remain within the Board of Health’s oversight.
- 4) She then noted that, consistent with the Paradigm suggestions, that the Board support the development of a human resources capacity in the town. It was agreed that this recommendation was likely out of the scope of the Board of Health’s authority.
- 5) She noted that she had asked the Health Administrator and staff to review existing job descriptions and core staff functions and to submit them to her and Ken Zoller.
- 6) The next Board of Health meetings were confirmed for August 15, 2018 and September 26th, 2018.

Schwab moved to adjourn the meeting; Zoller seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

Attachment 1: Proposed and accepted changes to Article 7, Kevin Davis.