

Town of Heath
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes from 1/15/14

BOH members present: Becky Allen (chair), John Doherty, Jenna Day

Others present: Charlie Cornish, Jerry Gilbert (left at 7 pm), Claire Rabbitt (entered at 6:38 pm and left at 7 pm)

We approved the minutes from December 18, 2013 with corrections. Passed unanimously.

Claire and Jerry presented some town sentiment in favor of "green Burial". Becky read an e-mail from Rol Hessebart and Lynn Perry. Some residents have attended meetings in Wendell about home funerals and green burials. We reviewed the Conway's Board of Health policy for family burial plots. The Cemetery Commission has guidelines and rules that were approved at town meeting. The Board of Health will do research on Wendell, Warwick, and Northampton and will forward the findings to the Cemetery Commission. The Heath Board of Health will not formally adopt anything at this time as we will just support the Cemetery Commission and their policy.

No progress or word from Glen Ayers, health agent for Heath, as to properties without a Title V: 19 Cascade, 11 Waterfall, 6 Apache, 223 Number 9 Road, and 33 Town Farm Road.

Water tests for Oct.- Dec for the town buildings were all fine.

The Board of Health signed a bill schedule for the Recorder, which paid for our advertising for the public hearing, regarding perc season.

Read the nurse's report from Dec. 2013.

We discussed our history of writing a column for the Heath Herald and we would like the clerk to resume writing an article of our recent activities.

52 Burrington Road Sale of property is pending. The property recently passed a Title V inspection. The plans for the property were for a 5 bedroom house. Becky sent them information that we had on file.

We received word from the state regarding Borrelia Miyamotoi. This is now being added to the list of laboratory reportable diseases.

We received Robert Deane's money and paperwork for an Installer permit. Becky will make contact and figure out how to work with him.

Charlie Cornish attended the full meeting as he is interested in being on the BOH. We explained the process to him if he is in fact still interested. He needs to submit a letter to the BOS and they make the appointments to the Board of Health.

The Board of Health discussed how the computer tracking software works and that we have all septic tank pumping on file. Should we send out reminders to residents as a courtesy? The Board says Yes and we will be setting up a protocol for doing so.

The BOH received a phone call from the owner of 8 Swamp Road: he is being assessed for having a well but he states there isn't a well on the property. May he dig a well? The board's answer is "No".

The board then discussed the Temporary Occupancy Permit. We agreed to change the dates from May 1-April 30---two years. Becky is rewriting all the paperwork and removing all reference to Camper/Trailers and changing the definitions to mimic the state. Becky will have all paperwork together for the next meeting on February 5, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Allen

Documents:

BOH phone log

Nurse's report from Dec. 2013

Septic Installer's application from Robert Deane

MA state disease report

Water test results for town building (3)

Conway's "green Burial"

Camper/Trailer Regulations