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Town of Heath
Board of Health
Meeting minutes from 10/01/2014

BOH members present : Karen Brooks, Charlie Cornish, Betsy Kovacs. Also present, Glen Ayers, Health Agent *Mike Freeman*

Meeting called to order at 6:11pm

Letter from Town Clerk reminding boards of open meeting law guidelines was read and discussed

Minutes from September 17th were reviewed and accepted

All MEPOA Beach Water Reports were received: all good. Next year the board expects to receive them more promptly.

Clerk spoke with tax collector regarding the combined mailing of temporary occupancy permit applications and tax bills. Betty should know by mid-late November the approximate date of mailing. We will assist her here at the town hall with the stuffing of envelopes.

Title V reports on 9 Wigwam Drive and 26 South Rd were received and read. Both passed.

The DEP 5-year review of the water supply at the Heath School was received and noted.

Elizabeth Fournier arrived at 6:20pm to attend the condemnation hearing of 5 Ledges Rd. She informed the board that the property was previously condemned (official notice was filed at the Registry of Deeds on September 26th, 2004). She brought a folder of papers from the previous condemnation which she shared with the board. The previous board had asked the fire department to use a practice burn to remove the house but the fire department declined due to the possible presence of asbestos. Condemnation was upheld. Copy of file will be added to the property address folder. Elizabeth Fournier exited meeting at 6:40pm.

21 8A North condemnation hearing: no one in attendance. Town has taken property due to tax title but intends to vacate the property. Dwelling was burned and owners have vacated. Condemnation was upheld.

144 Taylor Brook Rd has requested a permit to repair a leaking tight tank. Glen informed them that tight tanks may no longer be repaired. The tank must be replaced. Clerk will inform them they can apply online.

Town has issued replacement checks for money orders from 2 Heath Fair Vendors that were lost and they have been mailed.

LBOH reporting: Glen will take care of this.

Camp reporting update: in future, clerk merely needs to reply to letter by e-mail each year stating that Heath has no campgrounds.

ID badges were received by Betsy, Charlie and Mike.

85 Branch Hill: chief of police has again spoken to clerk about owner living in house without a CO. Clerk has again passed on the complaint to the building department.

Clerk and member of police department did an inspection at 280 8A North following several complaints of a new building and possible inhabitants. Several housing code violations were noted. Clerk reported violations to health agent and building department. They will follow up.

Clerk received a request regarding tattoo regulations. Currently, we have none.

Clerk's article on Lyme Disease for the Heath Herald was read.

Handout on enterovirus was received. It was noted that whereas there was one case in Franklin County the week before, now 8 cases had been reported.

The ServSafe training offered in Charlemont has been posted on the bulletin board and online.

EDS mini-grant was discussed. Clerk will check with Rowe town nurse to see if funds have already been requested for the Nov EDS vaccine clinic and drill at Hawlemont. ICS training was also discussed. Tim Lively is our EMD and he will be letting us know when the training is available and also when a meeting will be held to discuss running a local emergency shelter in town.

Betsy Kovacs has volunteered to be our MAPHCO rep. Clerk will notify Tracy Rogers that Betsy should be notified of upcoming meetings.

Chair of the Community Hall Committee, Margo Newton, will work with clerk to apply online for a new permit for the Senior Center. The cook, Sharon Call, will hold the ServSafe certificate and be the PIC.

Sadoga Rd property: prospective owners have contacted clerk re: perc test. Clerk has passed this on to Glen.

Clerk will be away on October 15th therefor board decided to hold no meeting until November 5th.

Clerk notified board that new well and septic regulations are not in the regulations binder. Glen does not have a copy either. Clerk will continue searching for them and post them online when found.

Clerk has been receiving help with filing. She discussed with the board changing the filing system so that all important documents would be filed by street address. Currently, Title V's and percs are filed by street, and wells and septic designs are filed by year of installation. Board agreed to this change.

Health Agent will look into online permitting for temporary occupancy. Clerk will send current application to Glen so that he can discuss this with the software manager.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Documents:

MEPOA beach test results

Minutes 9/17/14

Condemnation hearing paperwork

Title V's

Open Meeting Law letter from town clerk

DEP 5-year water results Heath School

E-mail from 144 Taylor Brook Rd

Lyme Disease article

Enterovirus handout

Respectfully submitted by Karen Brooks, Clerk