

Town of Heath  
Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes from 3/5/14

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

Others present: Glen Ayers, Health Agent, and Rol Hesselbert (left at 7:20 pm)

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

We approved the minutes from February 24, 2014, with corrections. Passed unanimously.

The Board of Health received one phone call requesting water well requirements. The Board of Health clerk directed her to the town website as the requirements are posted online.

The Board of Health received an e-mail from the town nurse, Claire Rabbitt. It stated that due to a death in the family she would be out of the area for a couple of weeks and CC Sherman will be covering her office hours. The Board of Health clerk sent an e-mail requesting she let us know when she is returning to her office hours. Glen will check in with MAVEN while she is away.

The clerk read an e-mail from Debbie Cavalier. She had questions regarding the minutes from a previous meeting. The clerk responded to the e-mail and asked the entire board to read over minutes and question their thoroughness.

The Board of Health received invitations to an Emergency Shelter training through WMPHA. Also an invitation was received from MAPHCO to their annual meeting in April.

The Board of Health received a notice of non-compliance from DEP regarding a failure to test the water at the Heath Town Hall/Senior Center in the fourth quarter of 2013. A water test was done in February of 2014 which will count towards it but the water will need to be tested again before the end of the first quarter of 2014.

No updates from the Health Agent as to where we stand with Title V's and recent land transfers.

A draft document that was presented to the CPHS oversight board regarding Family "green" burial plots was discussed. These would just be guidelines to help the member towns have something to follow. The Health Agent's interpretation of the state laws is that the state does not regulate home burial plots.

Rol Hesselbert spoke to an experience his friends Nina and Ron Coler had in Ashfield, establishing their own "green" family burial plot. They did the process over 2 years ago. The landowner went through a state approval process after the Local Board of Health signed off. It was requested that all board

members review the guidelines before the next meeting so that any issues and concerns can be brought to the CPHS oversight board meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March.

The Board of Health signed the bill schedule for the fourth quarter payment of the FRCOG's Health Agent Services.

The Board of Health reviewed the Town of Heath Cemetery Rules and Regs which will be brought to the annual town meeting in May 2014. Our Health agent questioned the item regarding a leak proof shroud or casket being used.

Handouts were given to Board of Health members that did not make it to the All Boards meeting.

The chair brought to the attention of the Health agent and other Board members that the previous Septic Plan Review and Permitting Policy that is in place in other towns is not applicable here in Heath due to the fact that we require the Conservation Commission sign off on perc tests. The Health Agent stated that this will be done online and that we don't sign off on the permit until the Conservation Commission has done the inspection.

The Board of Health reviewed the Private well regulations and the septic regulations and we are ready to bring these to a public hearing.

The Board of Health has set a date for the public hearing to be April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Heath Town Hall. We will review the septic, private well, and temporary occupancy regulations at that time.

The next meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Allen

Documents:

Minutes from 2-24-14

BOH phone log

E-mail from the town nurse

E-mail from citizen having questions about previous BOH meeting minutes

Private well regulations(draft)

Septic regulations(draft)

“green” burial family plot guidelines(draft)