

Town of Heath  
Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2016  
Sawyer Hall

BOH members present: Charlie Cornish, Mike Freeman, Betsy Kovacs; also Gloria Fisher, BOH Clerk  
FRCOG Health Agent: Glen Ayers

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 by acting chair Mike Freeman.

The agenda was reviewed with complaint, Branch Hill Rd., added.

Minutes: Betsy moved to approve the minutes of the 2/3/2016 meeting as submitted. Charlie seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Brownfields Grant: The Select Board asked the BOH for a recommendation on any follow-up to the Phase I Brownfields inspection on Ledges Rd.

It was noted that Tighe and Bond recommended that the town proceed with Phase II. Phase II includes sampling, boring, a thorough site evaluation, and a site characterization. In order to accomplish this, a signed site-access agreement needs to be signed by the owner authorizing the work. Phase II will determine whether there is a problem or not. If there is a problem, then it should be cleaned up. Phase II will not cost the town any money. It will be paid for by an EPA grant. If there is clean up needed as a result of Phase II, there is other grant funding available for that.

Betsy Kovacs moved, and Michael Freeman seconded, that the Board of Health recommends to the Select Board that they proceed with phase II. The vote was unanimous.

Budget Hearing: will now be held March 15 at 7:30 p.m. Claire Rabbitt, town nurse, has been notified and invited to attend.

36 Navaho Lane: The property is for sale. It was noted that there is a camper/trailer as well as a shed there. The property is advertised with a bathroom and well. In order to avoid any problems with a potential sale, Betsy moved, and Charlie seconded, that the BOH ask Glen Ayers to contact the realtor for more information.

CPH Oversight Board Meeting: Betsy reported the possibility that Zika-carrying mosquitoes could be moving into the Deerfield Valley by 2020. They have been discovered in Connecticut. Greenfield and Deerfield will be hiring a company to do mosquito surveillance at a cost of \$11,000 for each town. Discussed ways to inform Heath residents of the threat. It was decided that Betsy will contact Greg at the FRCOG to see if they will be making flyers as they did for ticks.

HMCC Meeting Report: Betsy attended the HMCC (Health and Medical Coordinating Committee) meeting. The HMCC is comprised of hospitals, boards of health, emergency management directors, etc. from all four western Massachusetts counties. She reported that they elected officers and were going forward.

Complaint: A complaint was received by the BOH regarding a safety issue on a property on Branch Hill Rd. It was noted that there is a refrigerator by the side of the road that is unsecured and still has doors. Gloria will contact the property owner and ask him to remove the doors or make sure they are bound securely. She will also suggest that he may want to remove the appliance.

Complaint Reminder: Betsy reminded the Board that a complaint received about a property on Bray Rd. had been tabled, but should be brought up for discussion at the next meeting.

Update: The property at 228 Route 8A S has a setback request to do with a jurisdictional wetland resource area. Betsy moved, and Mike seconded, the BOH approves the request but defers final issuance of the permit pending sign-off by the Conservation Commission.

Deleading Notice: 47 Flagg Hill Rd. Deleading Report was reviewed and accepted.

Pumping Reports: noted that all were satisfactory passed.

Nurses Report: for the month of January was reviewed and accepted.

Heath Local Food Permit Application: was read and approved. Mike will follow up with applicant.

Public Comment - none

Meeting adjourned at 6:30

Documents:

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Pumping Report

Deleading Notice

Local Food Permit Application

Nurse's Report

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Fisher, BOH Clerk