

Town of Heath
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2016

BOH members present: Karen Brooks (Chair), Armand Clavette, Betsy Kovacs, Mike Freeman
FRCOG Health Agent: Glen Ayers

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm.

Minutes- May 4, 2016 Minutes approved with corrections.

Karen stated that from now on the agenda will list all open items and carry them forward from meeting to meeting until they are closed.

3 Ledges Road – Complaint from resident about construction of concrete wall. Karen did site visit and observed and photographed toilet from road. No permits have been applied for. History of property was discussed. BOH members agreed that Betsy would research the background and determine current situation by reviewing the file and discussing it with Karen and Glen. She will make a recommendation to members of BOH for their consideration.

Brownfields Meeting with BOS – Karen reported on the meeting with the BoS at which she represented the BOH to discuss 5 Ledges Rd. Rep from FRCOG Brownfields program and rep of Tighe Bond attended to provide information. Phase I was paid for by FRCOG. Tighe and Bond recommended going to Phase II in which samples will be taken to determine the extent if any of contamination. FRCOG has put us on the list of projects to be funded. Karen will talk to Sheila Litchfield to let BOS know the process. Glen will attempt to get owners to sign a site access agreement. If they do not agree, then Glen will petition Housing Court for access. Glen has the template for the site access agreement which needs to be submitted by the BOS and should be overseen by town council.

CPHS Oversight Committee Meeting Review – Karen attended the most recent meeting. Tick program was presented including results of tick survey and tick test results by town and date. ServSafe class on June 21st at Berkshire east still has openings. MAPHCO annual meeting and dinner is June 29th. Nursing program at Shelburne Senior Center was very successful. Will be available again next spring. Lisa CPHS nurse is willing to attend our meeting.

Royer Road - 5 acres property (street address to be determined)– the perc test is completed and passed.

85 Branch Hill Road – Gloria wrote a letter requesting that doors to refrigerator by the road be removed. Both Chair and clerk had conversations with property owner. Owner stated that the refrigerator is town property and he does not need to remove doors as they are not “locking doors”. The BOH members agreed that Betsy would make contact with owner re: removing doors and transporting refrigerator to transfer station on Clean Sweep Day. Board also agreed that we cannot do this in every instance.

Bray Road – Betsy recused herself from the meeting for this agenda item. Letter has been sent to property owners with suggestions for clean-up. Other violations are most likely zoning violations, which should be handled by the agent for the planning board (FRCOG building inspector). Glen brought up the importance of collaboration between boards. Karen will let Jim Cerrone know about zoning code violations.

361 Route 8A North -Glen will follow-up with Margo Newton Chief of Police to post a condemnation notice.

45 Rowe Road – Karen reported on a letter Charlie sent to the BOH reporting that he met with the owner of the truck. In his opinion it is 5 ft from the road. Owner stated that he will have it removed once windows are removed.

Tanks at Mohawk Estates – levels did not change over winter. ME will continue to measure before opening for the season and at the end of the season.

148 Taylor Brook Road – Karen informed the real estate broker that a Title V will need to be done before the property is sold but is not necessary before they have a prospective buyer.

228 8A South – Glen reported that the septic system work is completed. Glen will request an as-built to be mailed directly to the BOH for the files.

Desmond Property/Land Trust – the director of the FC Land Trust will be meeting with the Assessors on Monday, June 6th and the assessors will ask if they are still planning a project that involves our input.

Clean Sweep Day – Karen reminded the BoH members that it will be held on August 6th. She asked for BoH members to volunteer to help. We need four people to work on the event who will be paid \$12 per hour.

BOH reviewed pumping reports.

BOH members heard the Nurses Report.

Karen reported that she received a request from the Institute for Justice for a list of residential kitchen permits in Heath. Gloria can send the list as requested under Freedom of Information Act.

MAPHCO annual meeting dinner will be held on June 29 at 5 pm at Terrazzo. Armand, Betsy, Karen plan to attend. Karen will remind Charlie.

The BoH members approved payment of dues for MAHB of \$55.

Karen reported that the Tanner's cat is in quarantine for possible rabies until November 27, 2016 as it was bitten and not vaccinated.

Letters were sent to Heath Fair vendors and applications are starting to come in. Yankee Doodle Days will not be held this year, so it is possible we will have additional vendors.

16 Waterfall – a building application can be approved.

Online Temporary Occupancy Permit – we do not currently do online permitting for TOP's. We will discuss this again before next permitting date. Current permits expire April 30th, 2018 and online permitting is by calendar year so we will need to make a decision by the end of November 2017. Glen will contact Paul to refund payment made to FRCOG online and cancel temporary occupancy permit application access for Heath. Gloria will send owner TOP application.

Karen is working with other boards and town officials to create a list of procedures new property owners must follow when purchasing property.

Boston Globe article on "Granny Housing" – Betsy agreed to write to Cal Carr, Chairman of the Planning Board to consider creating a task force to discuss Granny housing options for Heath. The BOH will ask in Heath Herald if anyone is interested in the issue and/or serving on a task force.

140 8A North – Title V was done. Pump needs to be fixed.

0 Branch Hill Road – there is a septic that passed Title V. Potential buyer wants to make sure this is a valid septic as they would like to build. Karen is in contact with potential buyer and will let him know size should be validated.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

Documents:

Agenda

Minutes 5/4/2016

Cornish letter re 45 Rowe Road

Letter from Institute for Justice

Dakin letter

Letter to 38 Bray Rd

Letter to 85 Branch Hill Rd

Letter and application form to Heath Fair vendors

Boston Globe article

Pumping Reports

Title V Reports

E-mails

Nurse's Report

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Kovacs