

TOWN OF WENHAM

BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting of Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Town Hall, 138 Main Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, § 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) was held on August 9, 2017 at 8:00 AM in the downstairs conference room at Town Hall.

With a quorum present, Dr. Ting called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

Board Members Present: Chair Dr. Andrew Ting, Regina Baker, RN; Gerald Donnellan

Also Present: Greg Bernard, Health Agent; Maribeth Ting, Public Health Nurse; Jackie Bresnahan, Permitting Coordinator and Recording Secretary

1. Updates from Health Agent, Assistant Health Agent, Public Health Nurse, Animal Inspector

- a. Health Agent: No updates on Maplewoods projects; Wenham Pines should be coming up soon; 22 Lake Ave was approved at last BOH meeting; otherwise been slower.
- b. Public Health Nurse: Purchased software for laptop from 3-D Coalition (for emergency preparedness); working on new social media strategy (plan to work with Town Clerk); CERC training; looking to work with Jackie on making sure the BOH page is as user friendly as possible.

2. "Sanitary Regulations for Barns, Coops, and Other Structures for the Commercial and Residential Keeping of Animals in the Town of Wenham:

- a. Discussed adding a reference at 6.3 regarding concerns/ a request from the Salem Beverly Water Board reflective of the State's drinking supply regulations (310 CMR Drinking water). Draft reference and check with Town Counsel for review at September BOH meeting.

3. Flu Clinics Update

- a. October 18 (TENTATIVE DATE) for Wenham Flu Clinic. This is an emergency preparedness deliverable. Working on billing software with UMASS for reimbursement
- b. BOS will need to approve applications for Medicare and UMASS billing.
- c. Maribeth asked the Board to approve the applications before they were put before the BOS.
- d. **Motion by Dr. Ting to approve \$560 for Medicare App using encumbered funds, 2nd by Regina Baker. Unanimous.**
- e. **Motion by Dr. Ting to bring UMASS contract to BOS with full support of the BOH, 2nd by Regina Baker. Unanimous.**

4. Health Counts Program

- a. Jackie and Maribeth describe new public health outreach/initiative "Health Counts." Will occur circa February 2018. More information to come at future meetings about this program.

5. Correspondence received from Tobacco 21 and Natural Gas Pipeline Organizations

- a. The BOH discussed the request from the Natural Gas Pipeline Organizations. Jackie Bresnahan reported that the Conservation Commission received a similar request to support the Sierra Club in appealing to Charlie Baker regarding gas pipelines, but that the Conservation Commission did not sign on to the letter. The Board of Health tabled the discussion to see if they heard from residents or more from the organization.
- b. The BOH discussed the information sent by Lester Hartmann from the Tobacco 21 organization. This issue came up last year before the BOH and it was decided to table it to see what the Commonwealth of MA would do (if a new State law would be passed).

- c. Dr. Ting asked about what the process would be if the BOH were to pursue regulations of this nature. Jackie Bresnahan reported that it would be the same process as followed with the "Sanitary Regs.," including a draft, review by Town Counsel, public outreach, a public hearing with notices in the paper, and a vote of the Board of Health
 - d. Jackie Bresnahan was tasked with reaching out to Richdale market and other area communities to learn the following:
 - i. Does Richdale have a lot of tobacco products business within the 18-20 demographic?
 - ii. What are surrounding communities doing in regards to this policy issue?
 - e. Maribeth Ting, Public Health Nurse, noted that this is a public health issue and asked how much should the financial impact be considered?
 - f. Gerald Donnellan noted that as Wenham only has one retailer (Richdale), he would not support any changes to the regulations in Wenham.
 - g. Regina Baker noted that the issue can go two ways- the health/education piece or a person's rights to do something.
 - h. The Board asked for more research and determined they would revisit this at their next meeting.
6. Approval of minutes from June 15, 2017
- a. Greg Bernard noted that the term "variance" should not be used and asked that all uses be changed to "local upgrade approval."
 - b. Motion to approve with edits by Gerald Donnellan to approve, 2nd by Regina Baker. Unanimous.**
7. Old Business – no old business
8. New Business – Greg Bernard reported that the Town of Ipswich is seeking a soil test witness and reached out to Greg Bernard to see if he had interest. He reported that he is sending in his resume, but if he receives and takes the position it will have no effect on his work in Wenham on behalf of the Wenham Board of Health.
9. Schedule next meeting – meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2017 at 8:00 pm.
- a. Jerry noted that in the beginning of October he will be away and unable to meet.

Motion to adjourn by Gerald Donnellan, 2nd by Regina Baker. Unanimous.
Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Bresnahan