

BOH MEETING MINUTES 2-5-20

Attending

Bridget Sweet, Chair

Timothy Cochrane, Vice Chair

Jeff Harris, Member

Also in attendance: Cathleen Liberty, Director of Public Health, Melissa Kiriacopoulos, Clerk, Mark Cerel, Town Attorney

Meeting called to order 5:00 pm

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

Review of January 2020 meeting minutes, accepted by Vice Chair Cochrane, and Chair Sweet. Member Harris abstained. It was voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Keeper of the Animals Regulations

Chair Sweet discussed that the Board of Health Keeper of Animal Regulations Chapter 193 section 4 should be in line with the zoning restrictions of keeping of fowl. After much discussion regarding the wording of the amendment, the option the Vice Chair recommended is to include a citation in Chapter 193 section 4 to the zoning boards already approved by-law and that the permit application cites the same citation. The board agreed and Vice Chair noted that this amendment to the regulation requires a notice of the change and a public hearing to occur at the March meeting.

Vice Chair Cochrane made the motion

Member Harris second

It was voted unanimously to accept the motion

Demonstration of Inspection Software

Director Liberty updated the board that in seeking inspectional software, we had one demonstration from Mojin Solutions and another demonstration is being set up for Relevant, Food Pro Code.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Overview of Open Meeting Law and MGL 111

Mark Cerel gave the board an overview of the Open Meeting Law, Public Records Law, Ethics Law and Conduction Public hearings and the MGL 111.

B. Franklin Matters Podcast Update

Director Liberty stated that she and Franklin Matters did the introductory pod cast a few weeks ago that is on the Franklin Matters website and the monthly public health issue podcast was recording today on the subject of mold. The board also suggested talking about the Corona Virus, Tickborne illnesses and salmonella from poultry.

C. Emergency Preparedness Update

Director Liberty updated the board on joining the Region 2 Coalition and explained to the board that it is important to have an emergency dispensing plan (EDS) and an EDS site in the town. She further

noted that she has met with the Fire Chief and we along with the Region 2 coordinator will be doing a walk through at the Franklin High School, out designated EDS site on February 24, 2020.

D. Division Subdivision Plan Maple Hill-Maple Street-review

Chair Sweet reviewed the subdivision plan. Director Liberty noted that to date 42 perc test have been completed at the subdivision. The board noted their concern regarding the budget for PSC who conducts Title 5 inspections. They discussed a revolving fund and requested a fiscal report for the next meeting for further discussion. Chair Sweet asked to put this item on the next agenda for further discussion.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Liberty submitted the Health Director Report and accepted to be placed on file. Director Liberty gave the board an overview of how many housing, food establishment, and preoperational inspections were conducted. The Vice Chair inquired about tobacco permit holders. Chair Sweet discussed the new tobacco law and how some towns and cities are looking to amend the tobacco regulations now and not waiting until June 1, 2020 for the law to be in full effect. The board discussed also doing this and noted to put that new tobacco law on the next agenda for further discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS UNKNOWN AT TIME OF POSTING

Vice Chair Cochrane wants to commend the health director and her advocacy for the board of health by her outreach which has been notices by key stakeholders and for making the information useful and understandable.

Chair Sweet noted for the next agenda the Keeper of Animals application will be reviewed, the March meeting will also be a public hearing for the amendment of the Keeper of Animals regulation, discuss future projections for PSC, discuss revolving account for PSC, and provide fiscal report for PSC and tobacco changes.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 PM – Vice Chair, Cochrane
Second – Member, Harris

Next Board of Health meeting will be on March 4, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated

Cc: Board of Health Members
Town Clerk