

Board of Health
August 1, 2011 Meeting Minutes
Mary Connolly Room
136 Elm St., N. Easton, MA

In attendance: Chairperson Jennifer Nichols, Member Gil A. Heino, Agent Mark Taylor. Dr. Scott Aronson was unable to attend.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:01 on August 1, 2011 in the Mary Connolly Room.

This meeting is being recorded for minutes.

Closed hearing 6:04 p.m.

Hearing/Decision

1st on the agenda is a hearing decision for Mathew Catalano, Septic Installer of C & M Backhoe. The property is 3 Tait Ave. Mark went this past Friday and inspected with the results being the hole was completed and the pipe was connected, and it is now a functioning system. Mark gave his verbal approval. The seller has a buyer that is going to back out if the system was not connected by this past Friday. The closing is scheduled for August 8, 2011. As far as the certificate of compliance Mark told them to get it to him as soon as possible and he would expedite the process.

Mr. Heino asked "What is the status of C & M Backhoe permit?" Ms. Nichols stated that his permit is suspended until he comes before the board, before he can start another job in town. Mark recommended there be a time line in place for C. & M. Backhoe if and when he comes to the board for a reinstatement of his permit. Mr. Heino is in favor of this.

Ms. Nichols recommends the closing of hearing on this issue. All present in agreement.

Action/Discussion

Item A

Reorganization of board members has been tabled until end of meeting. Needed is the presence of Dr. Aronson.

Item B

The flu vaccine and how much should be ordered. Mark stated, he spoke with David and also Maureen on the same day. He explained to David this is a very important issue to the board members. The board wishes to continue with the flu vaccine. David's concern is that we do not subsidize town citizens who have insurance or can go to CVS or Wal-Mart. Mark stated the state will supply 120 doses and the town could buy 200 doses. David said he would want this to be advertised as for people without insurance and that have no other way to receive the vaccine. 200 – 210 doses could be a line item. Maureen stated that we should use the doses we purchase first. Then there will not be any waste and we can still bill Medicare.

The price would be \$10.80 unless Maureen goes through Sanofi which maybe \$8.00 to \$9.00.

Ms. Nichols feels that we should use CDC recommendations. Mr. Heino feels that citizens that are at risk be priority. Ms. Nichols feels we should state that if you show us your insurance card great then the town can get reimbursed, if you wish not to show the card that is ok too.

We will ask for 120 adult doses and 60 children doses for children 3 years old and up.

Agents Report

Item 1

Agent reports that 10 1st Street is now officially condemned. Mark spoke with the building inspector Mark Trivette about the process to remove the trailer. Legally the hard line would be that they would have to get a variance, because of the lot size being so small (example 1,500 sq. ft.). They will need to get a permit from ZBA. This does not stop the Health Agent from ordering the removal of the trailer. Mark can go forth with this order of condemnation.

Mr. Heino asked what process needs to be done to condemn a property. Mark answers that under Chapter 2 of the State Sanitation Code to Condemn, a health agent can do this with a list of reasons for the action. A board member can also do a condemnation.

16 Sheridan Street was redone and has not been removed from condemnation.

Item 2

Mark advised the board he has started annual tanning salons inspections. One of the locations has been closed, not sure if it will reopen. Planet Beach at Roche Brothers Way has not paid for the permit this year. We will notify them to come in and pay for the permit. The cost of permit is \$75.00.

In order to increase fees a notification must be placed in a public newspaper within Easton area. (ex. The Enterprise).

Item 3

Welch Woods located on Bay Road by Cross St. This is to be duplexes on a shared septic system. Mark attempted to contact them via e mail and left phone message. They have not responded. Health agent gives information to board on Title V shared systems.

Item 4

A primary site plan for Depot St near School St was reviewed by Mark Trivette, Brad Washburn and Mark. It originally started with 5 homes now they want 3 duplexes on shared septic systems. The developer does not yet have site approval from planning and zoning. They would need approval for use of shared system. I have informed the developer that once they have Planning and Zoning approval they need to come to the Board of Health next. They also need DEP approval as well as the Board of Health.

Item 5

MAHB Meeting in Taunton. Mark will contact the coalition to ask them to pay for the attendance by the Board of Health. If they don't pay we will take it out of our budget.

Item 6

Home on Mountain Road has Radon issue with his well. He put in a mitigation system in the well which comes on every time he uses any water. The electric bills are extremely high and he and neighbors would like town water to be brought up the street. The street is owned by Sharon, we would need an easement from Sharon to do this, or dig up front yards. This particular home is number 12 or 14, about 1/10 of a mile off Bay Road. All homes on the right side of the road are in Sharon and on the left are in Easton.

Members Notes

Ms. Nichols asked about waiver 501 3C. We gave check back.

Mr. Heino wanted to make sure that Mark has contact with EPA/DPA in regarding the EEE problem. Mark explained he is on the HHAN program VIA his phone. If there is an emergency by the EPA/DPH he is notified immediately. If he does not login on his phone, it keeps ringing until he answers the emergency call. Mark will call EPA/DPH and find out how many traps are in Easton.

There is at least one main trap in Hockomock swamp. Bridgewater has had a positive EEE. Discussion regarding spraying fields in town. Mr. Heino stated that as soon as it starts getting dark the children should be off the fields.

It was agreed that warning about EEE be given, be careful that EEE season is here. Mark will post on website all the precautions to be taken, such as long pants, long sleeve shirts etc.

Mr. Heino stated that all members of the board need to be present at every meeting so that when issues need to be voted on the process can take place.

Discussion about the position of Board of Health & Building Department Manager interview process. Mark and Kristin will have about a month to train someone. He and Kristin will be involved in the process of hiring and will determine what skills are needed for this position.

A motion made by Mr. Heino to table reorganization of board until meeting of August 15 when all members will be present. The motion seconded by Ms. Nichols. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48.