



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

June 21, 2016: Minutes

Members Present: Patricia Bergeron, William White, James Butterick

Others Present: Ade Solarin-Health Agent, Alexandra Kral -Administrative Assistant, Lisa Merritt – Office administrator at Wastewater department

APPOINTMENTS:

10:00: Minute approval for 4/12/2016, 4/26/2016, 5/10/2016 and 5/24/2016 meetings

Member Bergeron motioned to approve minutes for 4/12/2016.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Member White motioned to approve minutes for 4/26/2016 with corrections requested by Member Bergeron. Member Bergeron 2nd it.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Member White motioned to approve minutes for 5/10/2016 and 5/24/2016. Member Bergeron 2nd it.

Motion was unanimously approved.

10:05: Review with a Health Agent

Health agent reviewed the agenda with the Board of Health and suggested to proceed to the next appointment.

10:10: 5 Masonic Avenue M 8 P.190: Re Variance Request

The following variances from Title 5 are being requested:

- 1) *To reduce minimum setback distance from property line to the leach field from 10' to 5' in four places*
- 2) *To reduce minimum setback distance cellar wall the leach field from 20 to 8' in one place and 10' in another place*

- **Frank Daly:** Due to the small size of this lot I have to request variances stated above.
- **Member Bergeron:** I see you used a different approach of getting the abutters notified. Is there a specific reason for that?
- **Frank Daly:** Time factor. It would take a lot of time to get abutters notified through the certified mail. Also, my client has a close relationship with his neighbors.
- **Member Bergeron:** Are other Board Members fine with Mr. Daly's approach?
- **Member White:** Ade what do you think about presented plan? Is that the best we can do with this lot size?
- **Health Agent:** Yes.

Member White motioned to approve variances as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.



MEMBERS:

Artificial Turf Proposal for Martha's Vineyard High School

- **Member Butterick:** I received an email from Gail Barmakian asking about health concerns with artificial turf proposal for the High School. I think Gail would like us to at least render an opinion on this issue. I did a quick research on this subject and one of the biggest concerns is use of ground tires as a foundation for the turf. However, that won't be the case for Oak Bluffs. On the other hand, there are a lot of minuses connected to Natural Grass fields. It is hard to maintain and the amount of fertilizers used on the grass field can be dangerous for the environment. In my opinion there are no imminent health issues that can be caused by using artificial turf.
- **Member Bergeron:** I have to agree with that. Please inform Gail of our opinion on this issue.

Death Certificates

- **Member Butterick:** Does BOH have access to the death certificates.
- **Health Agent:** Yes. This information is available through the Town Clerk's Office.
- **Member Bergeron:** Substance Abuse Group Members are trying to figure out how many deaths are caused by drug overdose. If they are seeking our support we can provide written statement in favor of such research.

Member Bergeron introduce an Intern for summer 2016 Kenzie McCarron

Healthy Aging Task Force

- **Member Butterick:** We have money in our budget for nursing services. If we need to do falls assessments as a way to prevent mortality, Is there money in that fund we can use for Oak Bluffs residents?
- **Health Agent:** We have about \$22000.00. Usually, we use around \$14000.00.
- **Member Bergeron:** I think we should review VNA contract. This service might be already included in our contract.



All Island BOH Meeting

- **Member Bergeron:** I wanted to see if Member Butterick would like to take on the responsibility of organizing the All Island BOH Meeting.

HEALTH AGENT:

Grease Trap Regulation discussion

Discussion of the draft copy of regulation presented during previous meetings

- **Lisa Merritt:** We have no enforcement powers to require restaurants pump their grease traps on a regular basis. We ask Board of Health to create a policy that would require restaurants to provide proof that their grease trap was pumped prior to issuing the permit.
- **Member Bergeron:** How would we determine what amount of times each restaurant has to have their grease trap pumped?
- **Lisa Merritt:** It is hard to know. All that we ask that it would be done at least once a year.
- **Member Bergeron:** Can you tell where the grease is coming from?
- **Lisa Merritt:** Yes.
- **Health Agent:** Please email me your thoughts regarding this regulation and we can downgrade it to a policy.

Policy Discussion

Discussion of existing and proposed policies for Oak Bluffs Board of Health

- **Health Agent:** I would like to review the legal counsel policy:
 - *Legal Counsel Policy*
 - **Member Bergeron requested to review and discuss this Policy with Town Administrator.**

Member White: Motioned to adjourned

Respectfully submitted by,
Alexandra Kral, Administrative Assistant