

Town of South Hadley

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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES February 3, 2016

AS APPROVED - APRIL 6, 2016

Present: Dr. Wolf, Chair; Dr. Rosner, Vice Chair, Suzanne Cordes, Clerk; Sharon Hart, Health Director, Jennifer Jernigan, Administrative Assistant

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Dr. Wolf.

1. Minutes

a. January 6, 2016

Dr. Wolf motioned to accept the minutes. Dr. Rosner seconded. All were in favor.

2. Director's Report:

- We received a notice from New England Environmental Inc. regarding a property at 28 Ashton Lane. There was a release of heating oil there from an underground storage tank but groundwater was not impacted. DEP was involved, overseeing the clean-up. Discussion took place around how to determine if a property has an underground storage tank.
- MetLife sent us a letter asking for any lien information on a property before they cut a check for property damage. We discovered that the Town Collector used to get a copy of these type notices too and now we make sure she gets a copy to see if the town has a lien on the property so the Town can collect any money they are owed.
- We received the Holyoke Hydroelectric Project Emergency Action Plan.
- Fire District No. 1 Water Department revised their Rules and Regulations and we obtained a copy.
- We investigated the cups being used at Dunkin Donuts. The sample cup obtained was not the one that Suzanne Cordes was talking about. The one Suzanne saw in January had a Christmas decoration on it and was made of Styrofoam.
- We received from DPH a Zika Virus Advisory. Director Hart updated the Town website. There will be an on-line webinar on the virus next week. There was a case in Boston –

- someone who traveled out the country and came back to the US with it. You can still transmit it (sexually) even if we don't have the mosquito here. Northampton Board of Health got some money from the city to monitor for Zika so we will try to get some funding to test here.
- The Monthly Water Quality Report is in.
 - We received a Freedom of Information Request. It was on a case of vibrio on Cape Cod in 2011. They must ask DPH for the information as it didn't happen here. It happened at the Cape.
 - The Landfill Quarterly Report – Q4 2015 is in. Suzanne Cordes is going to call Jim Reidy at the DPW on a person who may have drove up the road on the berm.
 - We may have to go to court on a homeowner who is not fixing up the apartment they own. We gave an order and it is not being done. The apartment is family owned and managed and they all go back and forth complaining about each other.
 - We got 3-4 Cordes Court to clean up.
 - We are in the middle of applying for an MRC grant for approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 to train MRC members on awareness of substance abuse in shelters. The grant is very competitive now to get and you must have a project. We are working on the project with Northampton, who is in our MRC.
 - We are working on the Opioid grant still. Discussion took place on how deaths from overdoses are tracked.
 - We just started the All Hazards Plan, as part of Director Hart's Emergency Management responsibilities. We had an All Hazards Plan but it was time for a new one. Pioneer Valley Planning had received a grant to do all of Hampshire County but they were so behind because they had so many that they hired a consultant from Northampton to help us out. There has been three meetings so far and goals reviewed. There was a public meeting during the Planning Board Meeting on February 10th on it. There will also be another public meeting. We are moving forward. No one ever got a copy of the plan or the goals we were to meet on the original expired plan. So Director Hart reviewed it all before the meetings and did a good chunk of the work first. Director Hart has received an emergency grant from FEMA, MEMA and is using some of the emergency management budget to continue to fix up the Emergency Operation Center (EOC).
 - Director Hart attended the MMA Conference. She took 3 seminars. One seminar was on Municipal Land Use and Zoning Update. Its focus was on signs. One of the concerns with the Drug and Alcohol Task Force is the lighted signs in the liquor stores in town. Our zoning bylaw isn't adequate right now, however. It was discussed at the seminar that the Signs Law was just tested in court and it did not hold up. It needs to be re-done. A template will soon be coming out on how to do this.
 - We are working with the American Red Cross to review our shelter plans.

- Director Hart reviewed the budget with our Town Administrator.
- Director Hart attended several emergency preparedness meetings and participated in a MEMA tabletop exercise.
- We have had several complaints and they were discussed.
- Director Hart and Jennifer Jernigan did an inspection at the R.F.K. Girls' Home on the food and the lodging.
- Director Hart did a Title V review and oversaw the installation.
- Today Director Hart did an inspection at 19 Ludlow Road with the Fire and Building Departments. The Health Department did a condemnation and it needs to be ratified by the Board. Holes exist in the fascia and soffits. It is a home that is not owner occupied. Because someone was in there it was not part of our Abandoned Housing Initiative but the structure keeps deteriorating. The Fire Department also was there and there are problems with detection in the home and ventilation. There are wiring issues, according to the Wiring Inspector's report, such as exposed wiring outside and it's raining. Neither egress is structurally safe per the Building Department. Dr. Wolf motioned to ratify the condemnation and Suzanne Cordes seconded. All were in favor.

3. New Business:

Director Hart discussed how many communities are calling her on how to do a polystyrene ban.

Dr. Wolf discussed with Director Hart what our intern Danielle Venne is working on currently. Danielle has finished up with the Opioid Grant project she was doing and Director Hart will be meeting with her to get a status on how the project went.

4. Old Business:

None

Dr. Wolf questioned the Board on if they would like meet every second month as things have slowed down for the Board members right now. Director Hart can email the Board the Director's Report and we can meet sooner if topics require. Director Hart is still working on the flavor ban on tobacco products and that will need to be reviewed down the road and include a public meeting.

Dr. Wolf made a motion to email the Director's Report to the Board when things are slow, as well as to email the Board for ratifications on condemnations and just meet every other month. The workload for the Board members is light. Comments are to be made directly to Sharon so as not to violate the open meeting law. Sharon can then send something out. So

the next meeting would be April 6th. We can always go back to monthly if things change. Dr. Rosner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. Adjournment:

Dr. Wolf motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. Suzanne Cordes seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer J. Jernigan
Administrative Assistant

ATTACHMENT A

DOCUMENT	RECORD LOCATION
Letter from New England Environmental regarding 28 Ashton Lane South Hadley	BOH File
Mass Live article on Moving Town Hall	BOH File
Letter from MetLife on 16 Los Angeles Street	BOH File
Water Dept. – Fire District No. 1 Rules and Regs	BOH File
Advisory from DPH – Zika Virus	BOH File
Monthly Water Quality Report – December 2015	BOH File
Letter from Morison Mahoney LLP – Freedom of Info Request	BOH File
Violation Letter – Status 37 Bardwell Street, Apt. 1	BOH File