

Board Members

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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Date/Time of Meeting: Monday, January 25th at 6:00pm
Location of Meeting: Connected via ZOOM, centralized at 155 Village St, Medway
Committee Members Present: Khalid Abdi, Michael Heavey, Eric Lindstrom, Jack Mill, Katherine Tonelli
Visitors Present: Stephanie Carlisle, DPW & Energy and Sustainability Committee
Town Employees Present: Beth Hallal, Kelly OBrien
Call to Order: 6:04pm
Minutes Review: APPROVED December 7th, 2020

Item 1: Plastic Bags

Ms. Carlisle introduced herself and summarized that in November, 2019, a plastic bag reduction bylaw was passed within the town of Medway. Because of COVID-19 and Governor Baker's suspension of any bylaws, it was decided that we would delay the effective date to Wednesday, January 27th, 2021. Currently, the main concern is with Shaws and their supply of bags. Mr. Heavey questioned the Board if they should extend the suspension of this bylaw for another 6 months.

After suggestions and comments from the Board, it was motioned by Mr. Mill, seconded by Mr. Heavey and approved by the Board to continue with the effective date of January 27th for the elimination of plastic bags, but stores can individually petition for an extension; being a case-by-case basis.

Item 2: Social Distancing in Medway Businesses

Ms. Hallal stated she has received minimal calls about non-compliance of social distancing in restaurants; noting that if there were problems, she would be contacted by a public advocate of any wrongdoings. Mr. Lindstrom questioned the temporary closure of Cumberland Farms. Ms. Hallal gently reminded the Board that because this was a public forum, names were to be kept at a minimum. Ms. Hallal then explained the tracing and contact process to the group. Ms. Tornelli then questioned Ms. Hallal whether or not she was being contacted when a COVID-19 exposure causes a business to close for disinfection, Ms. Hallal responding that she does not always receive notification. Mr. Lindstrom inquired as to whether or not we could have something in the Town's bylaws about notifying the BOH when stores close due to illness. Mr. Heavey requested that the topic of BOH contact, is further reviewed. Ms. Hallal suggested that Ms. O'Brien send a mass email indicating that if a business has an employee with a positive COVID-19 result, to contact us. Mr. Heavey asked Ms. Hallal to follow up with the 2 businesses that were closed due to COVID-19.

Mr. Mill motioned to have Ms. O'Brien follow up with businesses regarding COVID-19; seconded by Mr. Heavey, unanimously approved by the group.

Item 3: Brown 46 Village St. (Farm Animal Permit)

Ms. Hallal introduced this permit application is for 4 goats and that the property is large enough for them. Ms. Hallal stated that she spoke with the Animal Control Officer who stated she would like the following noted on the permit: 1) Kids can stay no longer than 6 months, 2) no more than 6 goats on the property at a time, 3) If a billy is to remain on the property longer than 6 months, it is to be castrated. Mr. Heavey's one concern is that Conservation should be notified of where the manure pile would be located, making sure it's not near a water shed. Ms. Hallal stated that this had been reviewed and approved by the Conservation Agent.

Motion made by Mr. Heavey to approve, seconded by Mr. Mill, unanimously approved by group.

- Item 4:**
Anderson
33 Ohlson Cir.
(Septic Repair)
- Ms. Hallal stated that this request was for a 4 bedroom for a repair of a septic system. They requested a variance of 4 feet, originally being 3 feet. Mr. Heavey inquired whether or not they could mound and gravity would take effect. Ms. Hallal stated that if they raised it even 12 inches, it would not satisfy the breakout and they would need to create a retaining wall.
Motion to approve with variance made by Mr. Heavey, seconded by Ms. Tonelli, unanimously approved by group.
- Item 5:**
Mahan/Gary
35 Milford St.
(Septic Repair)
- Ms. Hallal noted that this request had no modeling or water table, and this is a simple septic repair.
Mr. Heavey motioned to approve to approve as presented, Mr. Abdi seconded, and unanimously approved by group.
- Item 6:**
Lindsay
69 Summer St.
(Well)
- Ms. Hallal stated received a change in the plan due to property and wetland lines, also confirming with the group that it was a drinking water well. Mr. Heavey wanted to make note that there is a distance of 32 feet from the sewer line, and although it shouldn't effect the well, it should be noted that it was reviewed.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Heavey, seconded by Mr. Mill, unanimously approved by group.
- Item 7:**
Vaccine Clinics
- Ms. Hallal relayed that we have successfully completed our first round of vaccinations; collaborating with Bellingham, Millis, Franklin, and Milford. Our second round of Moderna vaccinations are anticipated for February 10th and 17th, 2021. Ms. Hallal wanted to stress to the group that if someone comes in for the second vaccination without their COVID-19 card, they will be ineligible for a second vaccine dose. She explained the process of how she anticipates receiving a weekly survey from the CDC to keep track of how many are used, wasted, and are needed for the future. Also going on to explain, the next clinic for vaccinations will be held for the school employees and DPW. Ms. Tonelli stated that COA employees qualify for the second group to receive vaccinations, but would have to have a piece of paper indicating that they were indeed volunteers and were entitled. Ms. Hallal stated any employees volunteering for the vaccination clinic would be noted and a piece of paper would not be necessary. Ms. Tonelli disputed Ms. Hallal's statement saying that they couldn't go anywhere else without a piece of paper indicating the vaccination. Ms. Tonelli then questioned Ms. Hallal about receiving notes for the COA employees. Ms. Hallal reiterated that if they came to her clinic, they would be noted and eligible for the second dose. It was stressed by Ms. Tonelli that the CDC.gov states the vaccination is available for COA employees and volunteers, as they are eligible for phase 2 dosing if they have a letter from their employer. Ms. Hallal stated that she still has to have a definite date of the clinic before anything further could be done, and said she would research documentation for COA employees, and if valid, she would sign.
- Item 8:**
Eversource
Correspondence
- Ms. Hallal said she had received a memo from Eversource Energy regarding herbicides along the power lines right-of-way. Mr. Heavey wanted to make sure that there were no bee hives along route as to not impair any hive activity.
- Tabled Items:**
- 217 Village – Farm Animal Permit
 - Plastic Bags – Medway
 - D&D Mulch
 - Bee Hives /Item 8
- Next Meeting:** Monday, February 22nd @ 6:00pm
- Adjournment:** 7:16pm