

Board Members

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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Date/Time of Meeting: 4/4/2022

Location of Meeting: Via ZOOM

Committee Members Roll Call and in Attendance: Eric Lindstrom (Ch.) ☒ Jack Mill (Cl.) ☒ Khalid Abdi, ☒ Katherine Tonelli ☒ Leanne Harris ☒

Visitors Present: Dr. Chicari, Dr. Denello,

Town Employees Present: Beth Hallal, Barry Smith, (DPW)

Call to Order: 5:34pm

Minutes Review: 3/21/2022 *APPROVED*

Agenda Item 1:

Water / Fluoridation

Mr. Lindstrom opened up the meeting by thanking the guests for coming to the meeting and asked Ms. Hallal to take the floor. Ms. Hallal introduced the two dental professionals Dr. Carchidi and Dr. DeMello. Mr. Lindstrom confirmed their knowledge on why they were asked to participate in tonight's meeting. Both visitors acknowledged it was because of flouridation in the water. Mr. Smith then chimed in stating that we do not have a date as to when we anticipate receiving flouride in the water system again; receiving pushback when inquiries are made about delivery. Mr. Smith continued with stating that since starting employment with the Town of Medway 8 years ago, flouride has always been added to the water, and only since September of 2021 has it been without. Dr. DeMello included there are different types of flouride:

1. systemic flouride that comes from a public water supply and develops in the structure of the teeth as their forming
2. topical flouride comes from tooth paste or mouth wash.

The difference is systemic flouride makes the teeth more resistant to dental decay. In addition, Dr. DeMello stated that systemic flouride is also inexpensive, effective, and significantly reduces tooth decay. Ms. Harris asked if we were unable to obtain systemic flouride through our water system, could parents add it to water on their own. Dr. DeMello said that children would first have to obtain chewable tablets (or drops), from infancy to 16, which requires a prescription from their dentist and it can become costly to the family. She also made note that she has a few Medway parents express concern about not having flouride in the water who actually do have prescriptions for their child(ren). Dr. Carchidi also listed the following pro's of it being in the water system:

- flouride in the water benefits everyone
- you don't have to think twice about it, making it easier for the parents instead of running to a pharmacy
- it incorporates the development of enamel
- it assists the lower-social economic groups who cannot make it to the dentists all the time or pay for the prescriptions
- If it is in the water supply, you are receiving the benefit of fluoridated water

Mr. Smith said fluoridated bottled water is available for public purchase, and some dentists sell fluoridated drops in their office.

Ms. Harris confirmed the US obtains fluoride from China and shared her security concerns as to whether there are security protocols in place. Mr. Smith said that we purchase it from a 3rd party vendor out of Rhode Island as there are no vendors in the US.

Mr. Lindstrom requested Mr. Smith to question the vendor about security measures with the fluoride from China.

Mr. Lindstrom made the motion to check with Mr. Smith regularly on when we will receive fluoride that was seconded by Mr. Mill and approved by all.

Agenda Item 2:
274 Village Street
Well

Ms. Hallal said property owner is not with us, and this plan was initially approved in August of 2021. Ms. Hallal stated the property owner is not happy with the location of the well, but the well cannot be in the owner's choosing because it is a private way and not within regulation setbacks. The owner made great strides to be on tonight's agenda wanting to speak to the Board, but did not show. Mr. Lindstrom suggested that he's put on next meeting's agenda; stating that if it is important to him, he will return.

Ms. Harris made the motion for this to be tabled, which was seconded by Mr. Mill and approved by all.

Agenda Item 3:
Apprentice Body Art
Permit

Ms. Phan would like to be apprentice at The Glow Factory, giving Ms. Hallal documentation of all her studies. Mr. Mill questioned Ms. Hallal if all paperwork received was in order and Ms. Hallal stated that she was waiting for one more document. Mr. Lindstrom suggested that we put this on the next agenda since we are waiting for more documentation. Ms. Phan then asked to speak, stating that she sent in her paperwork weeks ago and felt it was unfair that she must continue to wait. Mr. Lindstrom apologized and then asked Ms. Hallal what exactly what it was we were waiting for, and if it is any different than what we have asked for in the past. Ms. Hallal said she does the same investigative background review on all applicants, and Ms. Phan has not been waiting as long as she stated, dropping everything off on the 24th of March. Ms. Phan interrupted stating when she was in Florida, she was an esthetician, which has nothing to do with what she's applying for. Ms. Hallal responded that her background checks are mandatory with all applicants and waiting 10 calendar days is not a long time. Mr. Abdi then asked Ms. Hallal how she goes about obtaining information. Ms. Hallal responded with website reviews, and phone interviews. Mr. Lindstrom then asked about the exact document that was holding everything up. Ms. Hallal confirmed it was an unsigned letter stating she worked 300 hours but wants to speak to the person in question who typed the letter and is having problems with leaving voicemails as it's not set up and no one was answering the phones. Mr. Lindstrom then directed his attention to Ms. Phan, stating it is legitimate to request this information and feels that we should wait until this information is received prior to giving her an apprenticeship license. Mr. Mill posed the question *if the letter came tomorrow, could it get approved the same day?* Mr. Lindstrom said that Mr. Mill could make a motion for that if he wanted.

Mr. Mill made a motion to approve the license contingent upon the verification of hours of Florida. Ms. Harris declined the motion; all Board members were NOT in favor of the motion.

Ms. Tonelli did not feel like information on Ms. Phan's esthetician work was necessary. *Ms. Tonelli made motion to give her the apprenticeship permit, letting her do 200 hours. Mr. Mill seconded, all approved.*

Agenda Item 4:
4 Stoney Ridge Rd.
Septic Repair

Ms. Hallal reviewed the plans, making the recommendation to approve to the Board. *Mr. Mill made the motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Tonelli, approved by all.*

Agenda Item 5:
79 Winthrop St.
New Septic

Ms. Hallal stated that that property went through all departments necessary, making a recommendation to the Board for approval.

Mr. Lindstrom made motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Tonelli, approved by all.

Correspondence:
Master Plan

Ms. Hallal had sent out an email to all Board members, and Ms. Harris stated that she had spoken to Ms. Affleck-Childs, who is heading the Master Plan for the Town of Medway, also relaying that she is coming to one of the BOH meetings to see what we would like to add or recommend to the Master Plan. Mr. Lindstrom asked that all Board members do a

little “homework” on what the town could benefit from from a BOH perspective on the Master Plan so it could be discussed when Ms. Afleck-Childs comes to the meeting.

**Tabled Items for
Next Mtg:**

274 Village Street, which will be put on next meeting’s agenda.

**Committee
Member Roll Call
to Complete
Meeting:**

Eric Lindstrom (C) ☒ Jack Mill (VC) ☒ Khalid Abdi ☒ Katherine Tonelli
☒ Leanne Harris ☒

Next Meeting Date: 4/25/2022

Adjourn: 6:36pm

Respectfully submitted by K. OBrien on 4/22/2022