

Board Members

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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Date/Time of Meeting: 8/15/2022

Location of Meeting: Medway Public Library, 26 High Street

Committee Members Roll Call and in Attendance: Jack Mill ☐ Khalid Abdi ☒ Katherine Tonelli ☒ Leanne Harris ☒
Caryn Smith ☐

Visitors Present:

Town Employees Present: Derek Kwok, Kelly OBrien,

Call to Order: 5:34pm

Minutes Review: 8/1/2022 APPROVED

Agenda Item 1:
Health Agent
Introductions

In the absence of Mr. Mill, Mr. Abdi started the meeting by welcoming and introducing Medway's new BOH Agent, Derek Kwok. Mr. Kwok stated that he came from the Framingham Health Department, and prior to that, Newton, MA. Mr. Kwok shared with the group that he was appreciative to have the opportunity of working in a smaller municipality. Introductions were made by the Board by giving their names and a brief background.

Agenda Item 2:
4 Kimberly Drive
(Septic Repair)

Mr. Kwok stated he reached out to the prior health agent to find out her stand and she recommended approval, and upon review by Mr. Kwok, he also recommended approval. *Motion made by Ms. Harris to approve, seconded by Ms. Tonelli – all in favor.*

Agenda Item 3:
1 Musquit Road
(Septic Repair)

Like Agenda Item 2, the previous health agent was consulted and recommended approval. Upon final review by Mr. Kwok, he recommended approval as well. *Motion made to approve by Mr. Abdi, seconded by Ms. Tonelli – all in favor.*

Agenda Item 4:
2 Broken Tree Lane
(Septic Repair)

Reviewed by Mr. Kwok where he went back to the designer with recommendations and redesign of the plans. Mr. Kwok also suggested a second hole for soil evaluating so he stated to the Board to hold off on approving/denying this for now.

This will be put on the agenda for the September 19th meeting.

Agenda Item 5:
132 Winthrop Street

Ms. OBrien stated to the Board and said that acreage has been reviewed, letters have been sent to the neighbors and all was OK. Ms. Harris asked if the coop has been viewed, and Ms. OBrien not yet and anticipated an inspection by the Animal Control Officer. This address is the neighbor of Ms. Tonelli, and she said that the coop was "exquisite". *Motion to approve once coop is reviewed by Ms. Tonelli and seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor.*

Topic Update:

Vegetation Around Medway: Ms. OBrien stated that Ms. Harris had inquired about the vegetation around Medway to the former BOH Agent but did not receive a response upon her departure. The Director of DPW, Pete Pelletier was contacted with Ms. Harris' question, and he forwarded Medway's Vegetation Management Plan to satisfy Ms. Harris' request. Ms. Tonelli asked if herbicides should be a concern, especially around the playing fields. Ms. Harris then chimed in about run-offs around waterways, and pathways. Ms. O'Brien said she would bring that question back to Mr. Pelletier and would obtain info for the next meeting. *Ms. Tonelli motioned to review herbicide information and inquire about "friendly" herbicides, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor.*

Pool Inspection Fees: Ms. Harris raised concerns at the last meeting about pool inspections and their fees. Ms. O'Brien said she had done some research on the surrounding towns and towns that were the same size (approximately 13,000 residents), then distributed the pricing to the Board. Mr. Kwok clarified that the fees were for the permit itself, and not just an inspection; being for public and semi-public pools. Mr. Kwok then suggested of the Board reviewing the fee schedule once information is gathered, and the Board was receptive to his suggestion. Mr. Abdi stated that this was initially brought up because Ms. Hallal (former BOH Agent) stated that she spends a lot of time inspecting pools and there should be fees involved. The question as to whether the Board has jurisdiction over pricing was directed to Ms. O'Brien where she stated she could obtain the answer for the next meeting.

Ms. Tonelli made the motion of having Ms. OBrien find out what the Board has jurisdiction over, seconded by Ms. Harris - approved by all.

Trash and Trash Receptacles at Choate Park: Ms. OBrien recalled a previous discussion about trash around Medway and what was being done about it. Ms. OBrien said that she had reached out to Parks and Recreation, DPW, and the Select Board, obtaining information from their meetings. She showed minutes from all the Boards that detailed they were aware of the situation, and it was "hot" on their agenda lists as well. Ms. Harris mentioned that she had gone over to Choate Park and saw signage asking patrons to "Carry in/carry out" their trash, but felt it was not being abided by. Mr. Abdi stated he goes walking at Choate Park and make the comment that the area between the park and Thayer house has a walkway that houses a lot of trash. Ms. Harris also made note that she has gone to Walgreens and there was a lot of trash in the parking lot due to construction. Ms. OBrien said she would address this with the Building Commissioner, Jack Mee, as this falls under his purview. Mr. Kwok said he would address it as well.

The topic of "Trash at Choate Park" was tabled until the next meeting when the full Board is expected to be in attendance.

#988: Ms. OBrien showed the Board what her vision was for putting the suicide assistance number on the webpage. The Board was in agreeance with what was proposed, and Ms. OBrien will post it to the webpage.

Farm Animal Regulations – Ms. OBrien wanted to let the Board know that she had contacted town council about having a public hearing prior to the approval of regulations. Town council stated that we did not need a public hearing prior to approval. Edits are still being made and once completed, it will be given to the Board for a final review.

Correspondence: Out of 3,793 Mosquitos Tested
Arborvirus West Nile Virus Positive Results: 22
Surveillance Report EEE Positive Results: 0
2022.08.09 Out of 2 Mammal/Equine Tested
 West Nile Virus Positive Results: 0
 EEE Positive Results: 0
 Out of 65 Humans Tested
 West Nile Virus Positive Results: 0
 EEE Positive Results: 0

Other: Prior to meeting close, Ms. Harris asked if current trends RE: Overdoses and Narcan could be obtained. Ms. OBrien said she would retrieve information from Fire/EMT's and deliver information at the next meeting.
 Mr. Abdi also asked to table the subject of having a town nurse vs. contracted services. Ms. OBrien said she would obtain information and share it with the Board.
 Ms. Harris made the motion to have this discussed at the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Abdi – approved by all.

Tabled Items: 1. 2 Broken Tree Ln (Septic Repair
 2. 2021 – 2025 Vegetation Around Medway
 3. Board Jurisdiction
 4. Trash at Choate Park
 5. Community Trends
 6. VNA Contract Review and Town Nurse

Committee Jack Mill ☐ Khalid Abdi ☒ Katherine Tonelli ☒ Leanne Harris ☒
Member Roll Call Caryn Smith ☐
to Complete
Meeting:

Next Meeting Date: 9/19/2022

Adjourn: 6:53pm

Respectfully re-submitted by Kelly OBrien on 2022.10.20