

June 10, 2014

Meeting opened: 7:30 P.M., Room 112, Town Hall
Members Present: William Morris, Chairman; Carol Johnson, Clerk; Richard Bringhurst; Richard Beaugard; Mona Bissany
Members Absent: Lisa Procaccini
Others Present: Jeffery Forster – 4 Audubon Lane

Action on the minutes for the April 22, 2014 and May 13, 2014 meetings was deferred until the July 22, 2014 meeting. A quorum of board members present at each meeting was not met.

MOTION: made by Richard Bringhurst that the Board of Health approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 meeting as presented. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 3-0-1.
3 - in favor – William Morris; Carol Johnson; Richard Bringhurst
1 - abstained – Richard Beaugard

Public Hearing Board of Health Synthetic Drugs Regulations:

Documents/Exhibits – Board of Health Synthetic Drug Regulations Draft.

MOTION: made by William Morris to open the public hearing regarding the proposed Town of Walpole Board of Health Synthetic Drug Regulations. Roll Call: Richard Bringhurst – aye; Carol Johnson – aye; Richard Beaugard – aye; William Morris - aye.
7:36 PM.

Board of Health members discussed the importance of having local regulations in place to address the growing public health concerns and law enforcement concerns regarding the availability of synthetically produced cannabinoids, stimulants and hallucinogens, known as herbs, spice, bath salts, etcetera, which are currently sold legally at some local convenience stores. The Board agreed that establishing a broader regulation banning these products as a whole will effectively prevent them from being sold in Walpole. Whereas a regulation that targets specific compounds would need regular amendments in order to keep up with changes a manufacturer may make to a drug's ingredients to avoid prosecution. Ms. Chapell said that in the future the State of Massachusetts may establish state wide regulations to address this serious public health issue, but for now, having regulations in place at a local level banning synthetic drug sales is an important step. No public input was received regarding the matter.

MOTION: made by William Morris to close the public hearing. Roll Call: Richard Bringhurst – aye; Carol Johnson – aye; Richard Beaugard – aye; William Morris aye.
7:52 PM.

William Morris said that the Board of Health usually does not take action the same night a public hearing is held, but after reviewing again the proposed regulations and making one minor change and the lack of public input at tonight's hearing, he sees no reason to defer any further a vote.

MOTION: made by William Morris that the Board of Health adopt the Walpole Board of Health Regulations for Synthetic Drugs as corrected tonight pursuant to the posting of an appropriate notice in the June 19, 2014 edition of the Walpole Time, with an effective date of June 20, 2014. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Notice of Intent – 4 Audubon Drive:

Documents/Exhibits – Notice of Intent (on file Conservation Commission); Deputy Health Agent's summary.

Homeowner Jeffery Forster addressed the Board of Health regarding the Notice of Intent – 4 Audubon Drive, to rebuild by hand a stone wall on his property that is adjacent to a pond at the corner of Oak St. and Audubon Dr. that was damaged when a vehicle crashed into it.

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that the Board of Health has no comment regarding the Notice of Intent – 4 Audubon Drive and is pleased that the damaged wall will be replaced. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Notice of Intent – 1324-1336 Main Street, Cumberland Farms:

Documents/Exhibits – Notice of Intent (on file Conservation Commission); Deputy Health Agent's summary.

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Notice of Intent – 1324-1336 Main Street to replace an existing Cumberland Farms Building and adjacent stores with a stand-alone convenience store with a four bay gas station. Three existing 8,000 gallon underground storage tanks would be removed and replaced with two 20,000 gallon tanks.

MOTION: made by Richard Bringhurst that with respect to the request for comment from the Conservation Commission regarding the Notice of Intent – 1324-1336 Main Street, the Board of Health has no specific concerns regarding replacing the existing Cumberland Farms building with a new standalone building and the proposed site modifications. Seconded by Richard Beaugard. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Zoning Board of Appeals Variance – 5 Shady Lane:

Documents/Exhibits – Variance Request (on file Zoning Board of Appeals); Deputy Health Agent's summary.

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Board of Appeals Variance Request – 5 Shady Lane to construct a ten foot retaining wall on private property where only a six foot height is allowed. The request is made in order to address a deep slope on the property so the owner may enjoy the back yard.

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that the Board of Health has no comment regarding the Variance Request – 5 Shady Lane, to construct a ten foot retaining wall where only a six foot height is allowed, other than to obtain input from neighbors regarding potential safety and aesthetic issues. Seconded by Richard Beaugard. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Correspondence:

Board of Selectmen Acknowledgement – Claire Wolfram Resignation

Board of Selectmen – Richard Beaugard Appointment to Board of Health

Trustees of the Reservation – Board of Health Response

Superintendent of Sewer Water – 2013 Water Quality Report

MOTION: made by William Morris to adjourn. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Meeting Closed: 8:56 P.M.