

October 8, 2013

Meeting opened: 7:31 P.M., Room 112, Town Hall
Members Present: William Morris, Chairman; Carol Johnson, Clerk; Richard Bringhurst; Claire Wolfram; Lisa Procaccini; Richard Beauregard

MOTION: made by Richard Bringhurst that the Board of Health accepts the minutes of September 24, 2013 meeting as amended. Seconded by Lisa Procaccini. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Notice of Intent – 295 Union Street:

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

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Notices of Intent to construct a 350 foot permeable porous driveway from the back property of the Acura Dealership on Route 1 to a building at the rear of the property at 295 Union Street.

MOTION: made by Claire Wolfram that the Board of Health's comment to the Conservation Commission regarding the Notices of Intent 295 Union Street are that we have concerns about toxic hazardous materials from vehicles permeating the driveway and wetland area and question what permanent barrier is proposed to protect the wetland area after construction is complete. Seconded by Lisa Procaccini.

MOTION AMENDMENT: made by Claire Wolfram that the Board also has concerns about the use of salt on the driveway during inclement weather. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS

Zoning Variance-17 Sandra Road:

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

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the variance request to add a farmer's porch to the front of an existing home at 17 Sandra Road with a 27.4 foot set back from the street instead of the required 30 foot set back.

MOTION: made by Lisa Procaccini that the Board of Health's comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals is that we have no concerns with the request to allow a 27.4 foot setback from the street, instead of the required 30 feet, for the addition of a farmer's porch to an existing home at 17 Sandra Road. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Special Permit Zoning – 476 Fisher Street:

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

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the special permit application to import 990 yards of fill at 476 Fisher Street for the purpose of installing a septic system (approved septic plan on file Board of Health) and associated grading.

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that the Board of Health's comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the application for a Special Permit 476 Fisher Street to import 990 yards of fill for the purpose of installing a new septic system and associated

grading is the Board has no issue. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Old Business:

Medical Marijuana Regulations:

The Health Director said that because the model regulations the Board has been reviewing have a lot of redundancy with the state's mandated regulations, she will work with Cheryl Sbarra to come up with regulations that address any issues the Board may have regarding dispensaries in the Town of Walpole. The Board discussed requiring an initial plan review by the Health Department of any proposed dispensaries and ongoing review of all state inspections once a dispensary is established in Walpole. Ms. Chapell said security and hours of operation are other issues she would like the Board to consider when drafting regulations. William Morris said the Board will continue to schedule the matter on its agenda until such time that the draft regulations are complete. The Board will then schedule a public hearing regarding the proposed regulations.

Fluoride in Town Water:

The Board of Health reviewed a memo from the Board of Selectmen requesting their input regarding whether the town should consider a ballot question asking voters whether the town should continue fluoridating its water supply. The Board agreed that the matter is a public health issue and asked the Health Director to compile current information about fluoridation of public water supplies for review.

MOTION: made by William Morris that the Board of Health believes that the current program of adding fluoride to drinking water is a public health benefit and that while the Board gathers more information about the subject of adding fluoride to drinking water we urge the Board of Selectmen to take no action on a proposed ballot question that is clearly a public health issue without an affirmative vote from the Board of Health. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

New Business:

2013 Winter Holiday Schedule:

MOTION: made by William Morris that the Board of Health will meet only once a month for the months of November and December 2013, November 12th and December 17th. The Board of Health delegates to the Health Director the authority to approve routine matters during this holiday schedule. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

2013 Flu Clinics:

The Health Director informed the Board of Health that two flu clinics have been scheduled. The first, Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at the High School, from 4:30 – 7:00 PM. Ms. Chapell said that residents may preregister online and that this clinic will also serve as an MRC dispensing site drill. The second, is Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at Town Hall, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, and is a walk in clinic with no preregistration.

Town Meeting Article 14 - Social Host Responsibility By-Law:

Board of Health members reviewed for comment Town Meeting Warrant Article 14 – Social Host Responsibility By-Law.

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that the Board of Health is in full support of Town Meeting Article 14 - Social Host Responsibility By-Law. Seconded Claire Wolfram.
VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Correspondence:

Conservation Commission – 1900 Main Street
NACCHO – Federal Government Shutdown & Local Health Departments

MOTION: made by William Morris to adjourn. Seconded by Carol Johnson. **VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting Closed: 8:15 P.M.