

January 14, 2014

Meeting opened: 7:30 P.M., Room 126, Town Hall
Members Present: William Morris, Chairman; Carol Johnson, Clerk; Richard Bringham; Claire Wolfram; Lisa Procaccini; Richard Beauregard; Mona Bissany

MOTION: made by Richard Bringham that the Board of Health approves the minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting as amended. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

On behalf of the Board of Health William Morris welcomed newly appointed Associate Member Mona Bissany to the Board. Ms. Bissany thanked Mr. Morris and said that she is honored to be a member of the Board of Health.

Abbreviated Notice Resource Delineation – North Street:

Documents/Exhibits – Abbreviated Notice Resource Delineation (on file Conservation Commission); Deputy Health Agent's summary.

No action taken, decision previously made by the Conservation Commission at their January 8, 2014 meeting.

Zoning Special Permit – 422 High Plain 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 request for a special permit to have a hair salon sited at 422 High Plain Street. The Board made no comment due to the fact that the public hearing on the matter had already taken place December 11, 2013.

Notice of Intent – 1900 Main Street:

Documents/Exhibits – Notice of Intent (on file Conservation Commission); Deputy Health Agent's Summary; Prime Engineering 1/14/14 letter; Motion Board of Health 8/14/13 meeting .

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Notice of Intent to install fencing, repave the front areas and landscaping at 1900 Main Street, portions of which would be in the 50 and 25 foot buffer of vegetated wetlands.

MOTION: made by William Morris that the Board of Health's comments to the Conservation Commission regarding this Notice of Intent are: the Board is pleased to see that John Santos, Supa Sales and Service, has hired Prime engineering for environmental engineering and consulting services. However, the Board of Health would urge the Conservation Commission to take no action on the matter until all the issues that are outstanding with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that we specifically noted in our August 14, 2013 comments to the Conservation Commission are addressed. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Notice of Intent – 465 North Street:

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 to abandon an existing septic system and connect a single family home to town sewer in an area subject to protection under the Wetland Protection Act.

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that the Board of Health has no concerns with this plan as presented. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. **VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.**

Notice of Intent & Request for Determination – Lot C North Street:

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

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Notice of Intent and Request for Determination to build a single family home which under the Town of Walpole By-law, but not MA Wetland Protection Act, is within 100 feet of an isolated wetland.

MOTION: made by Lisa Procaccini regarding the Notice of Intent and Request for Determination Lot C North Street the Board of Health has no comment or concerns. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. **VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.**

Request for Determination – Lot 3 North Street:

Documents/Exhibits – Request for Determination (on file Conservation Commission); Deputy Health Agent's summary.

No action taken, decision previously made by the Conservation Commission at their January 8, 2014 meeting.

Zoning Variance -5 Norfolk Street:

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

The Board of Health reviewed the application for variance from the Zoning By-laws to allow a six foot fence (already installed) to be closer to a property line than the required fifteen foot setback.

MOTION: made by Claire Wolfram that the Board of Health has no comment on this request for variance. Seconded by Carol Johnson. **VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.**

Zoning Board of Appeals – 272 Moosehill Road:

Documents/Exhibits – Public Hearing Notice (on file Zoning Board of Appeals); Deputy Health agent's summary.

The Board of Health reviewed the public hearing notice regarding an application for a Comprehensive Permit under MA General Laws Section 40B to construct 174 apartment units with 25% of those deemed affordable units on a 14.33 acre parcel off Moosehill Rd.

MOTION: made by William Morris that after reviewing the proposed plans the Board's comments are: that during construction a point person and contact number is established in order to respond to any noise, dust, or nuisance complaints the health department may receive; that a peer review is done to address any environmental concerns; and that additional information regarding the designated trash and recycle area is provided due to the fact that the area appears to be small relative to the number of units proposed and may present a potential nuisance for residents. Also, that the trash and recycle area is conveniently accessible to all residents. Seconded by Carol Johnson. **VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.**

Old Business:

Medical Marijuana Dispensary Regulations:

Board of Health members reviewed a draft copy of proposed Medical Marijuana Dispensary Regulations that allow for additional local enforcement (beyond established

State Regulations) of dispensaries in the Town of Walpole. William Morris said that under Section D – Permit to Operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary – the term “applicant” should read “permit holder”. Richard Bringhurst questioned Section F(5) – Marijuana Sales by Registered Marijuana Dispensary – the use of a double negative. William Morris asked that a Public Hearing regarding the proposed regulations be scheduled for the February 25, 2014 Board of Health meeting.

Board of Health Fiscal Year 2015 Budget:

The Board of Health reviewed the final 2015 Fiscal Year operating and solid waste budgets.

Dr. Hartman – Request to revisit tobacco purchase age in Walpole:

Board of Health members discussed Dr. Hartman’s request to meet with them again and discuss further increasing the legal age (19) a tobacco product may be purchased in Walpole. Board members agreed, that at this time, to uphold their March 12, 2013 decision and revisit the matter again in 2015.

New Business:

Synthetic Drug Regulations:

The Board of Health reviewed Middleborough’s Board of Health Synthetic Drug Regulation. Health Director Robin Chapell said that the Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Awareness is asking that the Board establish similar regulations in order to address the growing concern of synthetic drug sales. Board of Health members questioned the chemical components referenced in the regulation and Richard Bringhurst commented that the regulation appears to only address synthetic marijuana. Mona Bissany said that she will obtain more information about the substances listed in the regulations.

MRC Meet and Greet:

The Health Director informed the Board of Health that this year’s MRC Meet & Greet will be May 7th or 14th, and that once again Dr. Alfred DeMaria will be the guest speaker at the event.

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Let’s Move Walpole:

The Health Director informed the Board of Health that the Let’s Move Walpole program will be sponsoring an Iron Chef contest at the High School April 8th. Participating in the contest will be three local chefs from Jalapeno’s, The Raven’s Nest and Conrad’s. Each chef will be teamed up with a student team, two teams from the high school and one team from the middle schools. The teams must prepare a nutritious meal in 45 minutes using only the ingredients provided. Judges for the contest are Selectmen Mark Gallivan, School Business Administrator Mike Friscia and a representative from Whole Foods. Ms. Chapell said that the admission proceeds from the event will be used to fund future healthy programs in the community.

Walpole Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Awareness:

The Health Director said that on April 15, 2014, Deputy Chief Carmichael will be holding a “parents only” program in the community room of the Walpole Public Library. The program is to help parents identify illicit drugs and explain how their used. Ms. Chapell also said that CADA members are hoping to establish a committee that will set up and manage a trust fund on behalf of the coalition that will be used to support coalition

programs/activities. Ms. Chapell said that a meeting is scheduled with the Board of Selectmen next week to propose the idea. Mona Bissany informed Board members about the recent visit she and Deputy Chief Carmichael made to the four pharmacies in Walpole delivering information regarding the Massachusetts Online Prescription Monitoring Program and encourage them to participate. Ms. Bissany said that the packet also included a Town of Walpole Pharmacist Survey which the pharmacists were asked to complete and return to the Health Department.

Correspondence:

Zion's
Flu Prevention
ZBA Reorganization
Planning Board Decision – Tall Pines Subdivision
Town of Walpole Fluoride Award

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

Meeting Closed: 8:50 P.M.