

June 20, 2017

Meeting opened: 7:30 P.M.
Members Present: William Morris; Chairman, Carol Johnson, Clerk; Richard Bringhurst (7:36); Richard Beauregard; Mona Bissany; Stephan Schaub

Others Present: Assaad Nasr – Gulf Station, 975 Boston Providence Highway
Jennifer & Alyssa Cogan – Animal Permit, 17 Country Club Drive
Michael Dangelo & Ariel Harris – Animal Permit, 654 North St.

MOTION: made by Mona Bissany that the Board of Health accepts the minutes of May 16, 2017 meeting as amended. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Tobacco Control Violation – Gulf Station, 975 Boston Providence Hwy:

Documents/Exhibits – Second notice to appear dated 5/17/2017; Mr. Nasr letter of apology to the Board dated 5/17/17.

MOTION: made by William Morris to open the public hearing Gulf Station Tobacco Sales Violation: Roll Call: Mona Bissany – aye; Carol Johnson – aye; Richard Beauregard – aye; William Morris – aye. 7:35 PM.

On behalf of the Board, William Morris acknowledged and accepted Mr. Nasr's letter of apology that explained why he was not present at the May 2nd Board of Health meeting. Mr. Nasr said that his store over the years has had a clean compliance record and that he does have tools in place to prevent violations. Mr. Nasr said that the person who sold the cigarettes has been a trusted long time employee and the violation was human error and that the employee was suspended from work for two days. Mr. Nasr said that he has also trained all his employees again about what procedures must be followed when selling tobacco and that he is committed to preventing any further violations. William Morris said that the Walpole Board of Health has taken tobacco use and its prevention very seriously over the years and that preventing access to under age people is an important component. Mr. Morris said that tobacco sales compliance is very important and taken very seriously by this Board. Mr. Morris said that the Board accepts and appreciates the corrective actions taken to prevent a future violation from happening and that the Board does not want to see Mr. Nasr here again with another violation.

MOTION: made by William Morris to close the public hearing Gulf Station Tobacco Sales Violation: Roll Call: Mona Bissany – aye; Carol Johnson -aye; Richard Beauregard – aye; William Morris – aye. 7:44 PM.

Animal Permit Application – 17 Country Club Drive:

Documents/Exhibits – Animal permit application (on file Health Department)

The Board of Health reviewed the Animal Permit application to house six or less chickens at 17 Country Club Drive. Animal Inspector, John Spillane, found no issues with the request to house 6 or less chickens at that property during his site inspection.

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that regarding the application to house 6 or less chickens at 17 Country Club Drive the Board of Health totally approves the animal permit. Seconded by Mona Bissany. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Animal Permit Application – 654 North Street:

Documents/Exhibits – Animal permit application (on file Health Department)

The Board of Health reviewed the Animal Permit application to house 16 chickens at 654 North Street. Animal Inspector, John Spillane, found no issues with the request to house 16 chickens at that property during his site inspection.

MOTION: made by Mona Bissany that the Board of Health approves the animal permit to keep 16 chickens at 654 North Street. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Lifeguard Variance – Redwood Mews:

Documents/Exhibits – 2017 Lifeguard Variance application (on file Health Dept.).

The Board of Health reviewed the lifeguard variance request for Redwood Mews Condominiums.

MOTION: made by William Morris that the Board of Health grants the request for a lifeguard variance at Redwood Mews Condominiums for the 2017 pool season, subject to the receipt of the standard indemnification agreement with the Town of Walpole Board of Health and that the appropriate warning signs are posted around the pool area. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Boulder Trail Residents Concern:

Documents/Exhibits – Boulder Trail residents letter dated 6/2/17; resident’s email correspondence to property owner, copy of “Attractive Nuisance Doctrine”.

The Board of Health reviewed a letter sent to Chairman of the Board, William Morris, addressing concerns two families on Boulder Trail have regarding an excavator that has been parked on a privately owned vacant lot on the street for an extended period of time. Board members contemplated their authority over such a matter because the equipment is parked on private property and does not appear to violate any Public Health or State Sanitary Code Regulations, therefor the issue is not within the Board of Health’s jurisdiction. The Board of Health made no comment on the matter.

Septic Variance Request – 560 Old Post Road:

Documents/Exhibits-Marie & Andrew Dooley variance request letter dated 6/14/17. copy of existing septic plan (on file Health Department) .

The Board of Health reviewed a written request from Marie & Andrew Dooley, 560 Old Post Road, to allow a variance from the 20 foot setback requirement under Title V for a full foundation from a septic field and allow an 8 foot setback for a proposed addition. Deputy Health Agent, Melissa Ranieri said she has no concerns with the request provided the septic system is flagged during construction to prevent any damage and the number of rooms does not exceed what the existing system was designed for.

MOTION: made by William Morris that the Board of Health approves the variance request allowing the 8 foot setback of the foundation from the septic field, subject to the existing system being flagged during construction and that the review of the plans for the proposed addition does not indicate any added septic capacity requirements. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

New Business:

FY2018 Recycling Brochure:

Board of Health members reviewed the new fiscal year’s recycling brochure mailed to Walpole residents this month.

MOTION: made by William Morris to adjourn. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS. Meeting Closed: 8:01 P.M.