

October 10, 2017

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

Other Present: Attorney Gerald Blair, Najwa Murphy, Fairfield Inn & Suites

MOTION: made by William Morris that the Board of Health accepts the minutes of the August 15, 2017 meeting as amended. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 3-0-2.
3 in favor – William Morris, Carol Johnson, Richard Bringhurst
2 abstained – Richard Beauregard, Mona Bissany

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that the Board of Health approves the minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting with one amendment. Seconded by Mona Bissany. VOTE: 4-0-1.
4 in favor – William Morris, Carol Johnson, Richard Beauregard, Mona Bissany
1 abstained – Richard Bringhurst

Notice of Intent- 536 North Street:

Documents/Exhibits – Notice of Intent (on file Conservation Commission): Health Director’s summary.

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Notice of Intent – 536 North Street, to install 5,924 square feet of new lawn area and an access easement to Willet Pond.

MOTION: made by Richard Beauregard that the Board of Health’s comments to the Conservation Commission regarding the Notice of Intent – 536 North Street are too strongly recommend that the applicant be cognizant of the wetlands and limit use of any pesticides or damaging elements to the wetlands. Other than that the Board of Health has no immediate concerns. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Lifeguard Variance Fairfield Inn, 630 Boston Providence Highway:

Documents/Exhibits – Atty. Gerald Blair 9/25/17 letter, Lifeguard Variance Application (on file Health Dept.).

On behalf of S & H Hospitality Realty, Fairfield Inn & Suites, 630 Boston Providence Highway, Attorney Gerald Blair addressed the Board of Health regarding their request to allow the swimming pool installed at the newly constructed hotel, which is tentatively scheduled to open November 20th, to be operated without a lifeguard present. Fairfield Inn & Suites, General Manager, Najwa Murphy, informed the Board that only guests of the hotel would have pool access using their room keycards and that pool operating hours will be from 6:00am – 10:00pm. Ms. Murphy said that pool chemical monitoring and maintenance will be provided by the Building Engineer a CPO, and that an emergency call line and pool safety signage will be installed in the pool area. Board members questioned what specific protocols/equipment/staff training are in place in the event of a pool emergency, what the bather load capacity of the pool is and how that will be monitored, who monitors the pool when the building engineer is unavailable, the proximity of the pool to the front desk area and what specific signage regarding pool rules/safety will be posted.

MOTION: made by William Morris that regarding the variance request, S & H Hospitality Realty, Fairfield Inn & Suites, 630 Boston Providence Highway the Board of Health grants a lifeguard variance with the following conditions:

1. S&H Hospitality Realty must give the Board of Health an indemnification agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the Town and individual members of the Board of Health from claims for any incident or accident in the pool area. The Walpole Board of Health must be named in the indemnification agreement.
2. In addition to the full time chief engineer who will also be a Certified Pool Operator, S&H Hospitality Realty will engage the services of an outside CPO contractor to monitor pool chemicals and pool regulations during those times when the chief engineer is not on duty.
3. At least one AED be obtained and maintained in close proximity to the pool in the pool area.
4. All of the front desk staff is trained in emergency response procedures relative to what they may need to do should there be an emergency situation in the pool area. (e.g. responding to the emergency telephone in pool area)

5. The Board of Health will receive on a monthly basis a report on the daily bathing load in the pool during hours of operation. (taken 4 times a day per code)
6. Guests using the pool check in at the front desk prior to entering the pool area.
7. Someone on staff and present at Fairfield Inn & Suites, 630 Boston Providence Highway, is CPR Certified during all hours the pool is open.

If all of the seven conditions are met prior to the November 20, 2017 opening the variance will take effect for the pool season, if the conditions are not met the Board of Health would ask that S&H Hospitality Realty appear before the Board for additional explanations, comments, etcetera. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. VOTE: 4-1-0.
 4 - in favor – William Morris; Richard Bringhurst; Richard Beauregard; Mona Bissany
 1 - opposed – Carol Johnson

Definitive Subdivision Plan Revised – 26 Baker Street, 2 Lots:

Documents/Exhibits – Revised Definitive Subdivision Plan (on file Planning Board); Health Director’s summary.

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Revised Definitive Subdivision Plan – 26 Baker Street, to subdivide an existing 1.5 acre lot into two residential lots.

MOTION: made by Richard Beauregard that the Board of Health’s comments to the Planning Board regarding the Revised Subdivision Plan – 26 Baker Street are that the Board is pleased to see some of our recommended changes were taken into account, such as the street lighting and increased street width from 16 feet to 20 feet. The Board of Health does still recommend and would like to see sidewalks for the development. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

New Business:

Temporary Food Permit Approval:

The Health Director informed the Board of Health that late applications for Temporary Food Permits have become a consistent issue in the Health Department. Ms. Chapell said that the current policy requires a 30 day notice/application for an event, but the office has been receiving requests for temporary food permits as little as a few days before an event is to occur in Walpole. Ms. Chapell said that the concern is coordinating and providing a food inspector within that time frame and asked that the Board consider implementing additional fees for late temporary food permit applications with the caveat that a permit will only be approved and issued if a food inspector is available. Board members agreed that they take protecting the public from food borne illness very seriously and requiring inspections a priority.

MOTION: made by Mona Bissany that regarding Temporary Food Permit Applications the Board of Health approves a permit fee increase from \$75 to \$150 for any application received less than 30 days prior to an event and that approval and issuance of the temporary permit is subject to the availability of a food inspector at the time of the event. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Old Business:

2017 Flu Clinic:

The Health Director said that the flu clinic held at the Walpole High School, 10/03/17, went very well and once again doubled as a dispensing site drill for MRC volunteers. Ms. Chapell said that this year employees from Siemens helped setup and observed the clinic as a means to prepare should their Closed POD Agreement (Point of Dispensing) ever need to be implemented for their employees and their families. Ms. Chapell said that 250 doses of vaccine were administered.

Correspondence:

DEP Sustainable Recovery Grant Award \$1500 (recycling)
 HD4232 Act – Regulating Sale of Propane and Butane, Representative Rogers
 Fall Town Meeting Zoning Article
 Conservation Committee Negative Determination:

1. 19 Covey Road
2. 29 Clarkson Drive
3. 21 Woodruff Road

MOTION: made by William Morris to adjourn. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS. Meeting Closed: 8:30 P.M.