

**Minutes Board of Health Minutes January 22, 2009,  
Room 014 Town Hall**

Present: Anita Ballesteros, Pat Duffey, and Ann McCobb

**Meeting was called to order by Anita at 7:15 p.m.**

Public Hearing

Joe Nihill, P.E. of GLM presented his plan for 880 Washington Street's new Septic System. The system requires two variances due to the small lot. Joe requested a variance due to cost and aesthetics. The plan was reviewed by Mike Graf who recommended in writing that the board approve the variances. Ann McCobb observed the soil testing and agreed with the approval of the variances.

**Motion: Pat presented a motion to allow a 3 ft clearance from ground water rather than the 4 ft required. Seconded by Anita and passed unanimously.**

**Motion: Pat presented a motion to allow an 8 ft. distance from property line rather than the 10 ft clearance that is required. Anita seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Rich joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

Administrative items

**Motion to approve the minutes of the January 8 BOH meeting as presented made by Pat, seconded by Rich approved unanimously**

Ann spoke with Melissa Parker who was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to sick children. Ann presented the changes that Melissa would like to make to the job description. Anita raised issues with the process and expressed her feelings that Melissa had not provided the board with the information that they requested. Neither Anita nor Ann were at the initial meeting with Melissa. Rich was anxious to move the process forward and was in favor of hiring Melissa. Anita felt that there were things that needed to be worked out before we could offer her a job such as who would the contract be with, Melissa or her employer, Norfolk Ram, what are her salary requirements, and the hours she was proposing to work to perform the inspections. Pat suggested that we start from the beginning with Melissa as she thought that perhaps things had not gone well initially in terms of making clear our expectations and some failures in communications. The job has already been posted for the required amount of time. The BOH asked Ann to contact Melissa and get these items ironed out. They also asked Ann to invite Melissa to attend their next meeting with the information they have been waiting for including her salary requirement.

Pat asked what amount of money is available to pay her. The total is 16,500K per year but some of that money has been spent on the previous C.O.

An initial invoice from SEA was approved by the BOH and will be forwarded to Paul LeBeau for payment.

Ann reported that we had received notice from DEP that there would be a hearing on Feb 6 with Paul Enos at 10:00 a.m.

Ann will check with John at D.E.P. to see if the public is welcome. If they are, she will send the notice to MR. Dunn and Mr. Bernard.

Ann and Pat will also attend if the public is welcome. Anita must recuse herself, and Rich was not interested in attending.

Ann received a request from Dr. Poling offering to hold the town sponsored Rabies clinic at his facility on Summer Street. The BOH feels that the town sponsored Rabies clinic should be held at a town owned facility and will continue at the Highway department. Ann will work out the details.

Ann reported that at the monthly department head meeting it was announced that the FIN COM meetings are now telecast.

It was also announced that the finance committee are making plans to compensate for losses due to state cut backs by reviewing the reserve funds and other funds.

DPH revised the list of reportable illnesses adding seven illnesses to the list.

Ann clarified that in her role as Health Director she is responsible for deploying the MRC for emergencies in town and possibly the region but not for out of region call ups. She verified that with the Region 4 director. Deployments outside of the region will be the responsibility of Liisa Jackson.

Ann wrote the letter to Avery Dennison regarding lethal vs non-lethal trapping of Beavers. Mike Maietta said that he would like to talk to the Board about long range planning.

#### Covanta

##### Radiation Protocol:

Anita has attempted to reach Chris Martel to clarify his statement that the detectors should be moved at Covanta. She wants him to give her a number as to what the percentage improvement in confidence levels he thinks would be achieved by changing the location. The BOH would prefer not to require them to be moved if only a small percentage improvement. Anita will contact Chris and let him know that we would like a response by our next meeting. Ann spoke with Tom DeMaio who also would like that information. He does not want to provide us with the detailed sketch until this is figured out.

##### Stormwater Testing:

Ann attempted to contact Geolnsight to find out how they resolved the question of the frozen tube which prohibited them from obtaining the samples after a rain event. They never responded to her but Tom DeMaio from Covanta told her that the tube had been shortened and insulated and is available for testing. Pat asked Ann to write to Geolnsight and ask them for the report on the condition of the tube and what measures they had taken to correct its malfunction that they had promised to send the BOH.

##### Hydrogeological Study:

The BOH asked Ann to contact Bruce to clarify the following questions and send the board an email with the answers:

Where is the CD that he sent,  
Clarify what MWA< MWB< MWK refers to in his report  
Was the surface testing done and if so when?

Once Ann has the CD, she should send it to Rich Westcott and ask him to evaluate the data to determine if it meets the criteria of the scope of work and if there are any concerns raised by the data collected.

#### Budget

Ann explained that due to contractual obligations for the clerks, she had to add some money to that category. She was able to meet the requests of the FIN COM by decreasing the money for inspections. The BOH has an appointment with the Finance Committee on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 p.m. Ann asked if we should post for ½ hour early but Anita said no as she would not be able to get there earlier.

Rich asked to donate the \$80 left over from the fee received for answering a questionnaire last year. After a detailed discussion:

**Motion by Anita to let the money sit there until a need presented itself and then it would be brought up again to the BOH for approval. Seconded by Pat. Approved 2 for and 1 opposed.**

#### ConCom Report on Lake Winthrop

DPH commissioner made a requirement in 1982 that the fish from the lake was not fit for human consumption due to high levels of mercury. That stands. Rich wondered if there was any danger to public health. Anita explained that only if humans eat the weeds and sediment would they get sick. Question was raised about the fishery on the lake not located in Holliston and what happens to the fish hatched there. Pat will research this and report at the next meeting.

#### Artificial Turf

Ann brought up the article recently in the paper. One resident called Paul LeBeau to ask about the turf at the H.S. field. Ann responded that she looked into this last year. There is no lead in the turf. There is no information on the HYSAs fields. Pat will try to find out who manufactured the turf and report at the next meeting.

**Motion to adjourn made by Rich, seconded by Anita and approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia J. Duffey, R.N.