

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

Date of meeting: 7/21/2021

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### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Wiegandt, M.D., Chairman  
Catherine Phinney, R.N., Member  
Kathleen Waldron, Associate Member  
Lawrence Perry, Associate Member  
Glenn Monteiro, Associate Member

Also present: Patrick MacDonald, Director  
Kayla Bettencourt, Department Assistant  
Brian Grady, G.A.F. Engineering  
Jillian Morton, Bello & Morton

Absent

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NONE

### **4. Variances**

#### **31 Agawam Lake Shore Dr.**

Mr. MacDonald- This was previously presented before board at the last meeting. We asked Brian to make some changes.

Mr. Grady stated that after the last meeting, he spoke with client and Mr. Ethier performed a percolation test to the property. Changes are that the existing 3-bedroom dwelling will be razed and will be replaced with a 2-bedroom dwelling. It will still be too close to the foundation, the leaching field will be too close to cellar wall, and it will still only be 5ft to street line while trying to maximize setback to pond.

Mr. MacDonald stated that the variances are straight forward. It was a matter of razing the building and whether it is new construction.

Dr. Wiegandt mentioned that it seems to be fair if there is a building falling apart. If they cannot do it due to structural problems would they not be able to build? That might be a problem in the future for other properties.

Mr. Perry asked if there is an existing septic.

Mr. Grady responded that there is probably just a cesspool.

Mr. Perry asked if is there an existing well.

Mr. Grady responded that there is and it will be relocated.

Mr. MacDonald stated that they went through it thoroughly last meeting and the revision looked good.

**Motion:** Motion made by Ms. Phinney to allow requested variance, seconded by Mr. Monteiro.

**Roll call vote:** Dr. Wiegandt- yes, Ms. Phinney- yes, Mr. Monteiro- yes

## **5. Tobacco Hearing**

### **Nouria Tobacco License**

Mr. MacDonald stated that this is a repeat before board. The health department found a clerical error due to how many licenses there are in town.

Ms. Morton stated that she obtained a list of current licenses. Currently at 37. Were able to secure a transfer of license and is asking for acceptance.

Mr. MacDonald stated that there is no need for a transfer. Need to issue 37<sup>th</sup> license.

**Motion:** Motion Made by Ms. Phinney to accept the relinquished license from The Bay Pointe Club and grant Nouria a tobacco license, seconded by Mr. Monteiro.

**Roll call vote:** Dr. Wiegandt- yes, Ms. Phinney- yes, Mr. Monteiro- yes

Dr. Wiegandt recommended reviewing tobacco regulations and next meeting maybe vote on some changes regarding the license cap.

Ms. Waldron mentioned that in other towns, when someone relinquishes their permit, the number drops.

Dr. Wiegandt suggested maybe adding language to the regulations about businesses selling licenses. Also, the Tobacco regulations will be gone over at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Title 5 regulations in September followed by Hotel/Motel regulations.

## **6. HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT**

Patrick MacDonald read the Agent's report into the record, a copy of which is attached.

## **7. COVID 19 UPDATE**

Mr. MacDonald stated that there is Small cluster event in Onset. The Public Health Nurse Julie is working with the state. Hopefully doesn't go any further than it has.

Dr. Wiegandt talked about new outbreaks in Wareham and Provincetown. She mentioned that there will be more and more problems if people do not get vaccinated and that the states that have the most cases, have the most people that are unvaccinated.

Mr. MacDonald stated that there is a vaccination clinic in town mainly focusing on a bus going to different spots of town, heavily on the pier.

Ms. Phinney mentioned that people are questioning the effectiveness of the J&J vaccine.

Dr. Wiegandt replied that it is still better than not getting a vaccination at all. Even if you are vaccinated, you can still get Covid 19.

Mr. MacDonald stated that the person who initially tested positive in the Onset cluster has no idea where contracted and it was not a restaurant employee.

## **8. Other Business**

Mr. Monteiro asked if there were any bad hits with the water testing with the water temps going high then low?

Mr. MacDonald replied that a couple of the beaches had failed this week

Mr. Monteiro asked if the Health Inspector job was posted.

Mr. MacDonald replied that it is posted on town website.

Dr. Wiegandt thanked Mr. MacDonald for joining as the new Health Agent.

David and Susan Spillane entered the room and stated that they were the owners of 31 Agawam Lake Shore Drive. They asked what the outcome was.

Mr. Perry informed them that it was approved for a 2-bedroom denitrification system.

9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from June 30, 2021

Motion: Motion made by Ms. Phinney to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Monteiro.

Roll call vote: Dr. Wiegandt- yes, Ms. Phinney- yes, Mr. Monteiro- yes

10. Motion: Motion made by Ms. Phinney adjourn.,  
seconded by Mr. Monteiro.

Roll call vote Mr. Monteiro- yes, Ms. Phinney- yes, Dr. Wiegandt- yes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.

Attest

Catherine Phinney

Date

9/22/2021

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Clerk, Board of Health