

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 15, 2015**

PRESENT: Frank X. DeFelice, Chairman
Glenn M. Monterio, Member
Catherine Phinney, R.N., Associate
Robert M. Ethier, Health Agent
Richard T. Johnson, Health Inspector

EXCUSED: Amy Wiegandt, M.D., Member
Kenneth Ferreira, Associate Member

Chairman DeFelice, opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. C. Phinney, R.N. moved up to member seat in the absence Dr. Wiegandt.

NO SCHEDULED HEARINGS.

Health Agents Report. (See attached.)

OLD BUSINESS

Edward Pacewicz- Concerned citizen regarding the Water Quality Regulation. Mr. Pacewicz questioned the increase of flow in new construction. If another bedroom is added is that an increase in flow? Mr. Ethier stated it is an increase in actual and design flow. Mr. Pacewicz is concerned the New Construction definition is not clear. After discussion Mr. Ethier requested the board vote to change the regulation due to the nitrogen regulations not being strong. **Acting member Cathy Phinney made a motion to remove the requirement for a septic system that provides for an extra bedroom from the regulations in order to avoid misrepresenting the regulations to the public. Member Glenn Monterio second the motion. All in favor. Motion granted.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Animal Control officer Cheryl Gorveatt-Dill approached the board regarding roosters. Ms. Gorveatt-Dill discussed the rooster problem in the town and would like the Board of Health to adopt rooster regulations. Audience member Mr. Robert Gifford spoke of the rooster problem in his Weweantic River neighborhood. During the winter season it is not bad however during the spring and fall neighbors are not able to sleep. Lots are 50 x 100 ft.. With the closeness of neighbors the roosters are problematic. Chairman Frank DeFelice stated this is a police nuisance and should be addressed with the police department or the selectmen as a new bylaw. Mr. Ethier will meet with animal control officer and review the regulations from other towns. Ms. Gorveatt-Dill would

like to see the board regulate the lot size and/or mandate the neighbors to sign an agreement. Mr. Ethier stated it is a problem in Indian Mound beach. Chairman DeFelice recommended Mr. Ethier review the regulations in other town and report back to the board.

2. Diane Conto student at UMass Boston approached the board and requested permission to perform a clinical internship with the Town of Wareham. Acting Member Cathy Phinney stated there is not much medical observation/study in the office. The office is clerical not clinical. Mrs. Phinney suggested contacting the Cape Cod VNA. Mr. Ethier will contact UMass and the Department of Public Health to inquire on a new program which may involve the school department educating students on the prevention of tick and mosquito bites. Mr. Ethier will also discuss any other possibilities with Member Dr. Amy Wiegandt and will then contact Ms. Conto.
3. Mr. Edward Pacewicz, homeowner and member of the Briarwood Beach Association stated his concern with the pooper-scooper regulation restricting dogs from the public beaches in the Town of Wareham. He questioned the wording "public beaches" and suggested changing to "BEACHES in the Town of Wareham". Mr. Pacewicz would like to "clarify" as the way the regulation is written does not include private beaches. Mr. Ethier questioned if a public hearing would required. Members decided to take a vote to change the language and to present to Town Counsel in the morning for a decision before moving ahead. **Member, Cathy Phinney made a motion to change the language in the pooper scooper regulation to read: the purpose of this regulation is to protect the foreshores, wetlands and waters of the Town of Wareham by restricting dogs from the beaches of the Town of Wareham. No dog shall be allowed upon the salt water or fresh water beaches or marshes in the Town of Wareham either loose or on a leash.**
4. Mr. Pacewicz will submit recommended changes to Title 5 language to the board for review.
5. Health Inspector, Richard Johnson reviewed lodging regulations with the Department of Public Health. Mr. Johnson made suggestions for changes in the town local regulations. The board will review and discuss at the May 6th meeting.

Mrs. Phinney made a motion to close the meeting at 5:35 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Suzanne Burke, May 5, 2015

Signed and dated: _____

Frank X. DeFelice, Chairman



Glenn M. Monterio, Member



Health Agent's Report

April 15, 2015

Last Meeting April 1, 2015

BOARD OF HEALTH STATUS REPORT

- * Continued attendance to grant meeting "Opiates Grant" with New Bedford BOH director Dr. Wiess.
- * Old Colony Elderly Services. (Will be here in May).
- * Met with DEP representatives, Colleen Ferguson and Mark Dakers, Victor Briar, Dennis Conry, attorney for Victor Briar, Glen Monterio, and Frank Defelice of WBOH. on site on April 2, at 10 a.m. on site at 260 County Road. DEP is investigating the case. BOH will wait for their determination.

TITLE V REVIEW AND VARIANCES

- (1) Title 5 upgrade

PERCOLATION TESTS

(3)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- (6) chapter II complaints

BOH CASES CONTINUED STATUS

260 County Road 7/20/2014 – DEP will investigate.

Gateway Plaza- 2/22/2014- Board has written Plan 3/4/2015.

Motel regulations- 5/7/2014- In progress.

Water quality regulations update - 9/12/2014- On going.

Rental Housing Program – 9/4/13 – 2015 - On Going