

October 22, 2019 Hubbardston Board of Health Minutes

Attendance: Bill Homans, Vin Ritchie(arrived late), Colleen Higgins, Cathy Hansgate

Meeting called to order by Bill Homans at 6:39 pm.

Minutes from the October 8, 2019 were approved as written .(Bill made motion for approval, and Colleen seconded motion.)

Failed Systems: no new ones to report on.

Passed Title V:

2 Brigham St. had repairs completed. A new Title V was done and passed. It was reviewed by the Board.

Permits:

-Renewal letters – tabled as not yet due

Open inspections:

10 Main St.

23 Morgan Rd.

27 Morgan Rd.

10 New Westminster Rd.

45 Williamsville Rd.

Discussion about a new property with foundation work going in near 127 Gardner Rd. Plan to check with the Building Dept. about this. Members concerned about whether or not permits for new construction, and a driveway permit had been obtained.

Open Complaints: none at this time.

Open Issues:

The Board voted to waive the one day permit fee for the Police Dept.'s Halloween hot dog giveaway. Cathy Hansgate to inspect.

EEE: The BOH voted unanimously to waive the ban from dusk to dawn for the 31st. The motion was made by Vin Ritchie, seconded by Bill Homans. Cathy to have eblast and facebook announcement sent out letting the town's people know, a couple days before Halloween. To include reminder to take precautions against mosquito bites as we have not had a killing frost yet. The members voted to give Cathy the authority to revoke the ban as soon as we get a killing frost (28 degrees for 4 hours).

Discussion revealed that the Curtis field had been recently sprayed by Ryan White (Green Guard Lawn & Tick. BOH to write thank you note to them for the free treatment.

Harvey : no changes. Outstanding bill still being negotiated.

Vaping: no changes.

Casualty Loss: nothing to report

Water Test: nothing to report

Maven Nurses Report: no new cases

Other Business:

Abandon / Empty Houses: tabled except to encourage abandoned houses to have 'keep out' signs posted for safety reasons.

New Business:

Budget Spreadsheet : tabled until next meeting

Bill Homans made motion to accept Mallory Seamon as BOH administrative clerk and to accept her BOH meeting time to be paid from the BOH revolving account until the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Seconded by Vin Ritchie. Motion approved unanimously.

Cathy Hansgate reported on the letter from MDAR refusing to release the list of farms in Hubbardston (formerly known as the Barn Book). This will be appealed.

Vin brought up the work reported to us by Judy O'Donnell at the previous meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that a thank you note should be sent to her for all the time she has spent on updating the emergency plan. Vin would like to have a hard copy of the 3 chapters that relate to the BOH.

Bill brought up for discussion that he would like our BOH to have chrome books , as they will benefit us for reducing paper usage, allow for Bill, Cathy and Kate to take photos of inspections, and do those reports online. The Cost is about \$200.00 each. Bill made motion that the BOH approve spending money from our revolving account to purchase one for each member (unless he can use the Planning Board one he is getting). Vin seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Minutes submitted respectfully by

Cathy Hansgate, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Hansgate, Chair". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.