



Hubbardston Board of Health

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Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Library Conference Room November 12 at 6:30pm

Meeting called order 6:32 PM by Bill Homans

Attendance:

Cathy Hansgate- Chair

Bill Homans-Vice

Vin Ritchie-Member

Colleen Higgins-Member

Kate Saab-Admin *error*

Mallory Seamon-Admin

Review Last Minutes of October 22, 2019

Motion to accept min. Motion made by Vin, Colleen seconded, Kate recused from voting as she was not present at meeting. **All in Favor, Passed.**

Failed Systems:

10 Main St. - No change in application status. We have not received any recent pumping records; Admin will follow up to inquire as to when the system was last pumped. This property transferred ownership on 1/8/2019 new owners have two years from purchase to complete repairs.

45 Williamsville Rd. – No plan submitted.

Passed Title V:

63 Chippewa St. – inspected Bill Homans and closed

2 Brigham St. – inspected Cathy Hansgate and closed

27 Morgan Rd. – repair, inspected by Cathy Hansgate and closed

32 Morgan Rd. – new construction was inspected Cathy Hansgate to be reviewed and closed

Permits:

New Septic Hauler: Received request from Haley Construction for installer permit which was reviewed by members of the board. Haley turned in copies of permits from other towns, they paid \$100 (\$55 short), and did not fill in application. Admin advised she requested remainder of permit fee and completed application once all information is received will process permit.

One Day Food Permit for the Hubbardston Historical Thanksgiving Farmers Market issued for November 24th, 2019. This event will take place at the Williamsville Chapel between 12pm-3pm. Kate Saab will be there at noon to inspect the vendors.

One Day Food Permit for Ellen Meagher for sale of Granola at Hubbardston Thanksgiving Farmers Market was approved.

Admin informed Board food permit form needed updating she will work on getting that set.

Open Inspections:

10 Main Street- As per above discussion Admin will work on obtaining pumping records.

Discussion took place on formulating a regulation to ensure timely repair work when a system fails Title Five. It was discussed how the sanitary code allows for two years, the BOH can impose a stricter timeline if needed.

10 New Westminster Rd – nothing new at this time

80 Bemis Rd – all completed, cannot find as built, Bill will call and follow up with Installer.

Added: 46 Healdville Rd – Town Engineer has approved plans, Cathy will follow up.

Open Complaints:

Bill stated that there was a concern of a junk yard forming 248 Gardner Rd. Concern was mainly for the aquafer system and potentially hazardous materials intruding as there are multiple unregistered vehicles on the property which could pose a threat. To the best of everyone's knowledge this property does not carry a Class II or Class III permit. Admin will follow up with Town Administrator and Building Commissioner advise them on the concern and see what action can be implemented.

Open Issues:

Harvey Trash – Currently there is a dumpster down at the Recycling Center this was placed in July and is not being used but is accruing charges. DPW does not want to use or pay for the dumpster so the BOH will need to pull the dumpster, unless we can get it free during off season. Cathy will handle the follow up with Harvey.

Electric at Recycling Center – Bella sent in monthly report stated that electric has not been turned on. Mallory to call National Grid and get this straighten out as electric service should have been turned on a while ago.

General discussion on recycling initiatives – Discussion took place on whether or not the BOH should team up with other towns/initiatives to work together for an Earth Day Cleanup and other recycling matters. We will look into possibilities.

EEE –Hubbardston has experienced a freeze and EEE is no longer a threat, closed.

Vaping – There are currently no changes to vaping regulations.

Taran from E4 – Mallory updated the Board on an outbuilding to living space plan that was submitted by Taran on behalf of Missions E4 to the Building Department. Per the plans a rec building will be converted into bedrooms with other living space. Applicant is currently waiting on advisory ruling by DCR to see if allowed, then BOH will review.

Fall food inspection for E4 needs done – Bill and Kate to complete.

Water Tests:

Breezy Hills Plaza reviewed by CH and all was fine, to be filed. Closed

Maven Nurses Report: None

Old Business:

Abandon/ Empty Houses – no update

Discussion – Vin volunteered to meet with Roland Jean Building Commissioner to see how Gardner handles vacant homes and abandoned buildings. The Board would like to post/alert public to danger of abandoned houses. Vin will report back to the board with his findings.

Brigham St. and other abandoned houses in town. Cathy stated that previous admin was working with AG office on demolition of a property on Brigham street. Mallory will review Brigham St file and contact Worcester Assistant Attorney General Monica Passeno who works with the Abandoned Housing Initiative and report back to the board.

Chrome Books Purchase-Cathy, update on Chrome books advised she will be going through Ryan to purchase Chrome Books.

New Business:

Budget spreadsheet – submitted by Mallory, reviewed and signed off by Cathy.

Mass DEP Landfill Inspection – MASS DEP Solid Waste Dept will be coming up on Thursday 11/15/2019 to do an inspection of the Landfill. We will be looking into putting into action a plan to reduce inspection on landfill cap and associated costs. Cathy will seek DEP Reps advise on how to move forward with this process.

Unanticipated business:

Kate requested that admin include Action vs FYI on email subjects when forwarding info to the Board. Admin agrees.

Trash Hauler Discussion-Kate to draft trash hauler regulations for review at next meeting. Mallory suggested requesting customer lists and annual reports from existing haulers Discussion on fines & regulations Kate to begin research and will present at next meeting.

Vin had question in regards to the Planning Board and the Marinelli reclamation of gravel pit plan, he is concerned about hazardous waste and aquafer. It was requested the BOH inspect the site of the Gravel pit and waste site. Questions on if we should do an inspection or hire someone arose, this is an active issue with the town, so perhaps good time to get involved, admin will follow up after speaking with Planning Board and Town Admin on subject.

Colleen had question on what is going on in the lot next to the town common (in front of Pallet place?). Looks like Girl Scout Troop was having a S'mores night, no permit on file for food. Event took place at the New Hubbardston Coffee Garden per flyer found on line, event was posted on the town website Cathy and Mallory to reach out and get more info. Discussion on how to get more communication between BOH and event holders so needed permits do not slip through the cracks. Cathy stated she will draft an email to the TA and other Boards.

Meeting Adjourned 8:31 PM

Next meeting date: 11/26/19

Meeting Min Drafted: Mallory Seamon 11/25/2019

Approved: Catherine Hingsgate 11/26/2019

