

## February 14, 2023 Minutes Hubbardston Board of Health

1) Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. One guest was present, Boey Bertold, 56 Gardner Rd.

Members present: Judie O'Donnell, Laurie DeMalia, Colleen Higgins, Cathy Hansgate, and Nancy Perron, (administrative assistant)

2) Minutes from the January 26, '23 meeting were read and approved with corrections. Cathy made motion for the approval, and Judie seconded the motion. All in favor.

3) Covid update; Laurie reported that there had been only one case in the past 2 weeks (in a 3rd grade class). Maven update: Cathy did not get a chance to reach out to Steve Curry. Laurie stated that Steve needed approval of new staff by our BOH in order for them to look at our MAVEN information. Cathy is unaware of this.

4) Title V Reports:

5) Water Tests: 67 Pitchersville Rd. passes. Report reviewed and accepted by the Board. Second, 39 Burnshirt Rd. resubmitted one with their Title V report that passed (previously reviewed.)

6) Open septic plans/Engineering plans reviews

A. 51 Old Boston Turnpike, soil samples done because conditions for Perc were too wet. There is a question about the site, so this is to be considered pending. Cathy to check with Phil to confirm the plan is acceptable.

B. 9 Barre Rd. Septic repair, they are replacing cesspool with raised septic system. Eng. plan reviewed and approved.

7) Old Business:

A. Cannabis odor action plan update

a) Email letters were received from Damon Schmidt. Members were given copies to read. His request for a list of complaints was handled by Cathy and Kristin. He was given the names of the 12 complaints. He wrote in a reply that he visited people on High St. to question them about smell.

b) Boey introduced himself as the other owner in town, but did not have anything in particular; attending "to see how are meetings are run".

c) A discussion was held about the subject. Cathy explained the difference between hemp and marijuana. Boey said hemp and cannabis (marijuana) smell the same. There was discussion about the strength of the smell based on the type of varieties. There is a significant different level of THC that distinguished hemp from marijuana. Cathy received a verbal complaint from a person on Ragged Hill that he has gotten a lot of texts (harassing). Cathy would like to contact legal to find out how our citizens can be protected.

B. BOH regulations: Cathy reviewed Judie's updated regulations through page 16 and only found wording corrections. Some on page 9, section C on public water system. There was discussion around the subject of PFAS contamination in water, and how /who should be tested. Article 5 is brand new. Odor and Tattoo (body art) sections need further review.

C. MAHB legal handbook, each board member needs full copy. Available online.

D. Health nurse; discussion that we need our own part time person for a number of reasons.

E. Kyocera Digitizing update: Nancy has been trained in accessing and using it.

F. Holden Hospital Account: when restored, to be used for hiring BOH nurse. It is still being contested by TA, Nathan. Further documentation still being sought by Cathy.

#### 8) New Business:

A. Recycling update: fee for construction dumpster being taken out of the revolving Recycling account. The monthly fee was being sent to DPW and pulled from our account without our approval Cathy reported. It is about \$61.00 per month. Cathy recommended we continue to pay this, but going forward, the bill is to be sent to BOH and approved by BOH during meeting. She spoke with Travis, at DPW about the situation. Cathy to reach out to Templeton Salvage as he said there was a check there for recycled metals for our account. There is still a lot of stuff that needs to be cleaned up at the recycling center area. Cathy asked Katie Young and her scouts/and their families to help with clean up. Cathy offered to take electronics to Gardner herself. Boey also offered to help with clean up.

B. Unexpected subjects: COOP emergency town plan is being updated, and Judie & Cathy are participating in that (headed by TA). Laurie questioned about where offices, students would go if the school could not be used. She thought the school needed an updated plan too. She will be our liaison for that.

C. Complaints (248 Gardner Rd., 91 Hale Rd. remain open)

One new complaint at 2 Shawnee Way, Cathy to do house inspection

#### 9) Turnovers/Warrants for approval & Financial reports

Mark Popham sent his contract for landfill testing for 2023. Cathy to reach out to him to see if less testing can be done before we approve his contract.

\$16.89 to be paid, Cathy made motion. Laurie seconded, and all in favor for administrative supplies.

10) Next meeting is the 4th Tuesday, which is Feb. 28. Motion made by Cathy for meeting to be adjourned at 9:14 pm. Colleen seconded.

Submitted by Cathy Hansgate and Nancy Perron

