

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2024 at 1:30 pm
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA

Approved April 10, 2024

Present: Bob Osley, Chair; Jeffrey Zgrodnik, Vice Chairperson; Member Timothy Menz; Charlie Kaniecki, Health Agent

CALL TO ORDER Chair Osley called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM No one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS No one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik moved to accept the December 6, 2023 Minutes; Chair Osley seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

POSTED BUSINESS

Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik made a motion to move the topics:

TOPIC 4 Land License for propane at 455 Main Street: Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik stated in his field and eyes, I have no issue. There was discussion as to why the Board of Health would need to approve this license. Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik made a motion that the Board of Health has no governing authority to weigh in on this matter per MGL c.148, §13 and does not fall within the purview of the Board of Health; Chair Osley seconded; no further discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved. Robert Flaherty, Fire Chief presented before the Board of Health and Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik made a motion to revisit; Chair Osley seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved. Chief Flaherty explained that the Town bylaw states that over a 2,000-tank capacity, approval of the Board of Health, Conservation Commission and Building Inspector is required. The owner of the property is adding two 120-gallon tanks which will put over the 2,000 aggregate on the property as there already are two 1,000 gallon tanks. With that information, Chair Osley made a motion that the Board of Health approve the Land License at 455 Main Street; Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

TOPIC 1 Oak Ledge Mobile Home Park: Mr. Zgrodnik asked if the owner has filed with the State. Charlie Kaniecki, Health Agent stated he has not done anything yet because as soon as I contact the State it will trigger something, but I suspect he hasn't. Mr. Zgrodnik stated issues have been going on for years and I say we look into it. Mr. Kaniecki went on - I want to make sure the Board is comfortable with this; he is supposed to have filed a policy of operation with the Board of Health. Mr. Zgrodnik made a motion to move forward to find out where he stands in this department because we have had troubles in the past; Chair Osley seconded; while he may be charging his residents for real estate taxes, and he is telling them the Board of Health is

making him do that; no further discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved. Mr. Kaniecki will send him a letter requesting rules and regulations.

TOPIC 2 Hatfield Variety, Inc. d/b/a Hatfield Center Store: The Board of Health has received complaints from residents. Residents have been in the store and watched the clerk make sandwiches, the clerk then turned to cash out patrons then returned to making sandwiches using the same set of gloves. This has been done numerous times. There is expired food in the store. Mr. Zgrodnik stated there are cleaning supplies over the food prep area. Chair Osley stated we were planning at the end of February to do a surprise visit. Mr. Kaniecki and Chair Osley will do the visit at the end of February. Mr. Zgrodnik has heard from residents the workers are taking food from one container and putting that food into other containers with no corresponding dates.

TOPIC 3 Smoking in public places: Member Menz stated he was surprised the DPW just decided not to put the sign up since the issue was voted on back in the summer of 2023. Mr. Menz will attempt to get in touch with the DPW again. Mr. Menz was asked who would be enforcing the sign and Mr. Menz stated the sign is put up as a deterrent but not enforced by anyone. If DPW doesn't respond Mr. Menz will circle back.

TOPIC 5 CBD in food manufactured or sold in Massachusetts: Mr. Kaniecki informed the Board this issue started in Southamptn when they are inspecting stores for foods containing CBD. Mr. Kaniecki informed the Board General Law states foods containing CBD are not considered food and therefore not regulated. Mr. Kaniecki said children will be getting sick and there is nothing we can do about it. I wanted to let the schools know in case kids are not acting correctly after eating candy. Just be aware!

TOPIC 6 Update on Status of Shared Services Agreement: Robert Osley informed the Board he attended the meeting for the shared services agreement with Northampton Department of Public Health. Chair Osley has attended several meetings. Northampton DPH is trying to fulfill some of the shortcomings of small communities. They offer inspection services including food inspections, housing inspections, Title V inspections, septic inspections, and mobile food truck inspections. The agreements are now underwritten by the State. Mr. Kaniecki told the Board we should continue with this. The Board agreed they do not need all the services provided but when they do, they will be able to get someone from Northampton Department of Public Health.

TOPIC 7 Next Meeting Date: The next meeting date will be March 13, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

UNANTICIPATED NEW BUSINESS None

CONTINUED OLD BUSINESS

16 North Street: The receiver is moving forward but the judge told him you don't own the property. The only way for the receiver to own it is to petition the court, go to auction, bid on it and then go to land court. When the receiver auctions the property, he then gets paid for it. He's done with probate and housing court. The house should be demolished soon. There was a

question as to why the receiver had not received the permit to demolish the building. The receiver had not paid the fee for the permit and once payment is received; the permit will issue.

ADJOURN Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik made a motion to adjourn; Chair Osley seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved; meeting ended at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant