

HAMILTON BOARD OF HEALTH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Present: Board of Health members: Lindle Willnow, Susan Wilfahrt, Health Agent Leslie Whelan

Meeting Opened: Lindle Willnow called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Hamilton Senior Center

Sean Scanlon, 142 Asbury Street – Bedroom Deed Restriction (Potential Addition)

The Board discussed with Sean Scanlon his interest in adding a bedroom to his 11 room home that has a five bedroom capacity septic system. He is seeking a bedroom deed restriction.

Willnow moved to accept Sean Scanlon's proposal to pursue a deed restriction for a five bedroom home. Susan Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Hearing Continued – 265 Cutler Road – Keeping of Animals Permit – Minimum Standard for Keeping of Animals Regulation 12

This permit application for keeping of animals is incomplete and there was no 265 Cutler Road representative at the meeting so the matter was tabled.

Discussion – Permit Renewals, Late Fees and Plan Review Fees

The Board discussed Temporary Food Event Late Fee of \$50, Food Re-inspection fees after first re-inspection (effective 7/1/17): \$50 for 2nd, \$100 for 3rd, and \$150 for 4th, as well as \$50 permit renewal late fee and \$150 plus \$50 an hour over four hours for pool plan review.

Willnow moved to approve revised schedule of fees. Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Discussion – Municipal Classification Study – Administrative Assistant

Town Manager Michael Lombardo is going to be meeting with the AFSCME union for the administrative assistants to discuss salary grades for each administrative position serving the Town. A date for that meeting has not been set yet.

Discussion – Keeping of Animals Regulations and Complaints

The Board discussed the proposed by-law that will be voted on at Town Meeting regarding regulation that could ban roosters in Town. The Board of Selectmen will be deciding if they support the warrant article. This vote would not impact income producing farms. The BOH would become involved when there is a noise or malodor nuisance. The Board of Health expressed interest in letting the Town Meeting voters make a decision on the warrant article.

Also mentioned was an anonymous complaint the Health Department received about a neighbor with many animals on a large piece of land. Animal Inspector Jennifer Gilson did an inspection. The Board will have an ongoing discussion about KOA regulations to determine if there should be separate licenses for the keeping of small and large animals. As well as decide if parameters for stables and coops relative to limits of density of animals should be defined.

Discussion – Health Agent Update

The Health Agent reported on a complaint of someone living in recreational vehicle on Union Street where she visited the site twice and believes no one is sleeping there. Also, certified mail notice was received by the Town regarding rubbish pile in Asbury Grove where Leslie Whelan will follow up with Grove official contact since action is not being taken to rectify the situation. The Health Department has received complaints about odors coming from Brick Ends farm. There have been no further issues with Cumberland Farms and compliance with Styrofoam by-law. Flu clinics will be held on October 24 and November 14 from 3 to 6 p.m. and at the schools on November 2. Also, in regard to mosquitoes there have only been three cases of West Nile Virus in Massachusetts this season.

Discussion – Board of Health Member vacancy

The Board spoke with three candidates interested in the vacancy on the BOH: Giselle Perez, Assistant in Psychology at Mass. General Hospital, David Smith, retired from environmental/health services, and Walter Row, retired from financial services who has an interest in health. The Board acknowledged that all three were good candidates. One of two current BOH members expressed interest in resigning from the Board and the other might as well due to possibility of moving out of Town.

Willnow moved to recommend to the Board of Selectmen Giselle Perez-Lougee and David Smith as member appointees to the Board of Health. Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Review – Minutes dated August 24, 2016

Willnow moved to approve the minutes as amended. Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned:

Willnow moved at 8:23 p.m. to adjourn. Wilfahrt seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Board's next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2 at the Senior Center.

ATTEST:

cc: Selectmen, Planning Board, Town Clerk, Conservation