



Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the

BOARD OF HEALTH

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Caucus Meeting Room, Provincetown Town Hall,
260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA

Board Members Present: Laurie Delmolino, Vice Chair; Elizabeth Williams and Dr. Janet Whelan

Board Members Absent: Ken Janson , Mark Phillips, Steve Katsurinis

Other attendees: Brian Carlson, Health and Environmental Affairs Manager

Call to Order: Laurie Delmolino called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Vice-Chair, Laurie Delmolino asked, if the board had no objections, New Business Agenda Item III c could be taken out of order and be heard first. There were no objections and the Board proceeded with the Following Agenda item:

III c. Sanitation Regulations – Discussion of Possible Update to Regulations

Discussion: Eric Larsen, Deputy Director of Public Works and Liaison to the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee presented the request. They would like to add an option to the recycling regulations Part 6 Article 3, Section 1, Part B - Sanitation Collection and Disposal because of new equipment that is now available. Currently, up to four recycling bins are allowed. They propose an option of swapping two of these bins for one 32- gallon refuse container. It will give more capacity. In Section 1, Part J the same rule would be applied to guest houses. The 32-gallon containers will be marked with two stickers to designate them as recyclables. The stickers will be sold for two for \$5.00. The idea will be presented to the public at the Year ‘Rounders Festival.

After discussion with the Board, it was clarified that the proposed change to the regulation should read two 32-gallon containers or four 15-gallon recycling bins. It will be amended and brought back to the Board for approval.

Laura Ludwig of the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee informed the Board of a proposed change in Town By-laws that would eliminate single-use plastic bags in Provincetown. Ms. Ludwig mentioned that it would only apply to certain grocery bags. It is about trying to prevent them from getting into the recycling stream. They are difficult to recycle. The definition is in the by-law language. Nantucket has had a similar by-law since 1990 and Manchester-by-the-Sea has a by-law that went into effect in July 2013. Other communities are also considering a similar law.

Mr. Carlson explained that the proposed change has gone before Town Counsel. This will be on the Town Warrant. The Board will have an opportunity to discuss it and vote on whether to support it at its next meeting when it discusses the Town Meeting Warrant articles.

II. Old Business

a. Surf Club – Discussion of Order to Correct Regarding Grease Trap

Discussion: Mr. Enos expressed his concern with the extreme cost of complying with the Board's request. He reiterated that he had had a perfectly functioning Title 5 and was encouraged to hook up to the Town sewer system that he did at a betterment of \$250,000. He used an approved contractor to hook up to the sewer at a cost of \$25,000. It was inspected by the town and it was approved. There seems to have been an overflow of grease into the Title 5 that is entering the town sewer pump chamber. He now has received an estimate of \$30,000 to rectify the problem and by-pass the septic tank. He will also have to tear up his deck for an additional cost.

Mr. Enos thinks if the tank was pumped down to a level that is not damaging to the pump chamber. It would resolve the issue. He could activate an existing alarm system on the septic tank, as well to keep the level down. He could pump it three or four times a year instead of twice a year.

Mr. William Rogers, Engineer explained that the contractor mistakenly connected the tanks together. Now the septic tank is full of grease. It is a settlement tank; the grease is floating on the top of the tank. Now the grease is coming out of the outlet of the big tank now.

Dr. Whelan asked where the flaw is that allows this to occur. Is there still more grease entering all the time?

Ms. Delmolino stated that we still have a problem. Mr. Enos proposed to do what is needed to correct the flow; rerouting the lines and leave the big tank as it is. The expense is in dismantling the tank and filling it with concrete. Mr. Enos added that he has plans to expand to the second story. If he can't hook into the sewer for the extra seating he won't be able use the second floor. He thinks he could use the Title 5 for

that purpose if the sewer is not available to him. He doesn't want to limit his options by dismantling it. The leaching field is still there.

Mr. Carlson replied that these are two different issues. Ms. Delmolino stated that since the last meeting there has not been much progress. The bottom line is that it needs to be fixed. There is a lot of damage that could be done to the town sewer system.

Mr. Rogers offered to sketch out the plan for the Board that he has devised. He will present a plan that will fix the problem. He can make it work without any comment on the 13,000 gallon tank. The septic tank will be separated from everything; nothing will be going into the tank. No grease and no sanitary lines. Everything will be going into the town sewer.

Ms. Delmolino stated that in two weeks, we need to have a plan. We don't want to start levying fines. They are quite high. Mr. Carlson will update the Licensing Board as to what has been discussed with Mr. Enos.

III. New Business:

a. Jesse James Madre – New Body Piercer at Mooncusser Tattoo

Discussion: The Board postponed this Agenda Item to the next meeting.

b. Dunes Edge Campground –Application to Install a Tight Tank at the Property Located at 383 & 390 Route 6

Discussion: Mr. William Rogers appeared to present a tight tank plan for Dunes Edge Campground. This is a regular septic tank which is sealed. We are in the process of installing the other systems. There are 15 campers that pump out regularly. By law they have to allow 15 gallons per camper. The minimum size is 2,000 gallons which is more than adequate. To bring it up to code they are installing a tight tank and lines to hook up to for pump out. It does not connect to a leach field. Mr. Rogers explained also that proof of a contract with a hauler is required as well as a document that proves there is capacity at the treatment plant. This is not in hand yet.

Ms. Delmolino stated that the Board can provisionally approve the plan. while waiting for the necessary documents.

Materials Presented:

Plan Depicting a Tight Tank as prepared for the Trustees of Reservations/Mass. Land Conservation Trust, Inc., February 14, 2014, William N. Rogers

Motion: To approve the plan for a tight tank for Dunes Edge Campground and that proper documentation be provided by the hauler.

Motion: Betty Williams

Seconded: Dr. Janet Whelan

Vote: 3 – 0 - 0

IV. Any Other Business That Shall Properly Come Before the Board

There was no other business raised at this time.

V. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to review at this meeting.

VI. Health Department Report

The County Sanitarian is coming down once a week until Morgan comes back in April. Inspections are picking up as restaurants being to reopen.

Mr. Carlson has received a few phone calls about e-cigarettes.

He continues to work with a tenant at 90 Shankpainter Road regarding smoking outside. The County is involved with that as well as the Health Department.

A Coastal Resilience grant has been submitted to the State. It will help with sediment studies and how it is moving and the nourishment of the coast line.

Brian attended a work shop for 208 Water Quality through the Cape Cod Commission. He will have an update soon.

He has been working on grease trap information with Chris Rowe at the treatment plant putting all the records in electronic format. He also has been working on follow up of the ACOs in effect.

VII. Board Members' Statements

No additional statements were made.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Laurie Delmolino moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Leonard

Approved by _____ on _____, 2014