



Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the BOARD OF HEALTH

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Judge Welsh Hearing Room, Provincetown Town Hall,
260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA

Board Members Present: Dr. Janet Whelan, Acting Chair; Elise Cozzi and Joseph Freitas, Alternate

Board Members Absent: Mark Phillips, Chair, Steve Katsurinis, Vice-Chair, Betty Williams (Excused absences)

Other attendees: Morgan Clark, Director Department of Health and Environment; and Laura Marin, Health Agent

Recording Secretary: Susan Leonard

Call to Order: Dr. Janet Whelan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

II. Old Business

There was no old business brought forward for discussion.

III. New Business:

a. 6 Tiny's Way – Title 5 Variance Request – Darren M. Myer, presenting

Discussion:

Mr. Darren Myer, of Myer and Sons, appeared before the Board representing Tom Beliekewicz, owner of 6 Tiny's Way. There is a failed septic system at the property requiring an upgrade. In order to accomplish this, 3 variances are being requested. There will be no increase to flow of the two family 5 bedroom property. The proposed system will be a two-tank system and leach field with the capacity for 5 bedrooms. The limitations of the small lot size requires there be a reduction by 3 feet from the system to the slab foundation. The other two variances are to the water line that runs between the tank and D-box. The proposed plan will sleeve the water line and reduce the setback to 4 or 5 feet. In

response to comments made by George Heufelder from the county, the plan shows access to the compartment wall and proper grading to ensure good flow.

Ms. Clark reviewed George Heufelder's report for the Board. In it he states that, taking into the consideration the limitations of the lot, there is no better location for the system and sleeving the water line as compensation for not having sufficient setback the proposed system could be varianced by the Board.

The Board members expressed satisfaction with the explanation and rationale for the variances requested. With no further discussion, a motion was entertained.

Motion: *To permit the variances as requested for 6 Tiny's Way.*

Motion: Joseph Freitas

Seconded: Elise Cozzi

Vote: 3 - 0

Materials Provided: Septic System Repair Plan, 6 Tiny's Way , Provincetown, MA, 08/19/2015 (Revised 09/01/2015), Myer & Sons, Inc.; Existing Floor Plan 6 Tiny's Way, Provincetown, MA, Ted Smith , Architect, LLC

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

There was none.

V. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes for consideration by the Board.

VI. Health Department Report

Ms. Clark updated the Board on the status of 227R Commercial Street. The Court granted a temporary restraining order and the owner has until noon today to vacate the premises and secure the building to the satisfaction of the Board. If it has not been done by that time the Town will secure the building. The case will be going back next Friday in order for the judge to determine compliance.

| The language for the smoking ban on beaches has been sent for review and clarification. The Selectmen will be voting on articles for the Town Meeting Warrant next week. The Board of Health will be holding a hearing for warrant articles on October 15, 2015 at its regularly scheduled meeting. The hearing for changes in Food Regulations will held on October 1, 2105.

The Selectmen voted to raise money or grant fund a mental health case-worker position for Provincetown residents. With that in mind, staff is finalizing the draft of the needs assessment report and will present it at a summit on October 13th. It will be a collaborative event with interested parties.

Dr. Whelan asked where the case-worker will be located? Ms. Clark said it is not clear yet, but it will be administered through her office. It will be a contracted service.

Mr. Donegon, member of the Board of Selectmen, spoke to the Board on the topic. He mentioned a task force meeting on homelessness about a year ago. It is apparent that there is a great distance between Provincetown and Hyannis, where most services originate. The system is difficult to navigate. There is a need for a case-worker/ social worker under the Town's direction. It will help people get the services they need including follow-up's, not necessarily direct care. The Town can afford this. It will be on the warrant.

Ms. Cozzi asked what agencies the Town has partnered with? Mr. Donegon replied that the local agencies have narrow resources. People could be helped by a social worker to help them navigate the system. Ms. Clark added that there are gaps in the system that are being identified through the department's ongoing needs assessment. The summit dovetails nicely with this, as well,

There will be a "Buried in Treasure" workshop for hoarders and collectors that will begin in October. It will run for 12 –16 sessions at no cost. It is for anyone who needs guidance in collecting too much. It is a peer lead curriculum based group.

VII. Board Members' Statements

There were no statements made by the board members

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Dr. Janet Whelan moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Leonard

Approved by _____ on _____, 2015