



Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the

BOARD OF HEALTH

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Judge Welsh Hearing Room, Provincetown Town Hall,

260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA

Board Members Present: Steve Katsurinis, Vice-chair; Dr. Elise Cozzi; Dr. Janet Whelan; Kalliope Chute; and Elizabeth Williams, Alternate

Board Members Absent (excused): Mark Phillips, Chair; and Fred Latasa-Nicks, Alternate

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

Call to Order: Steve Katsurinis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

II. New Business:

a. 5 Dyer Street –Request for a Public Health Connection to Sewer or ACO Request – Brandon Quesnell, presenting

This agenda item was removed

III. Work Sessions (Votes may be taken on any item)

a. Discussion: Public Health Connections to the Sewer

Discussion: Ms. Clark started off with a brief history of the sewer system. Phase I was designed for properties located in downtown Commercial Street along the waterfront. The sewer betterment was based on Title V flow by DEP; all bedrooms were assigned 110 gallons per day (gpd), and restaurant seats assigned 35gpd. Phase VI of the sewer reached a State of Limited Capacity sooner than it was anticipated. During a State of Limited Capacity only properties that receive the following designations shall be considered for connection to the sewer:

- a) Public Health Priority
- b) Economic Development
- c) Affordable Housing
- d) Municipal Use

Based on the Water and Sewer Board regulations, properties assigned the category of public health priority take precedence over the other categories. At this time, no municipal use gallons have been used.

State law says that if the sewer goes by your door you have to hook up, however the Town had special legislation passed that removed that the requirement.

Mr. Katsurinis brought up the question of why 51 Commercial Street was not connected to the sewer. It is located on the waterfront side of downtown Commercial St, which should have been assigned as a red dot and connected during the early stages of the sewer. Properties declared as red dot are considered public health failures and should be hooked up.

Ms. Clark mentioned that properties that should have connected to the sewer in its early phase and are yet not connected should be considered public health emergencies.

Mr. Katsurinis mentioned there are circumstances in which connecting to the sewer are very important regardless of the accessibility of the sewer, such as the case as Duncan Lane. The properties along Duncan Lane are in very close proximity of a wetland and unfortunately the properties are currently on cesspools.

The Board discussed the current sewer connection criteria and suggested to keep the following:

3. Cesspools
5. Harbor side septic systems
6. Mounded or raised septic systems
4. Varianced septic systems with priority given the following:
 - a) Varianced to groundwater
 - b) Varianced to wetland and/or coastal areas

b. Discussion: BOH Regulations Part IX, Articles 1 & 2 – Tobacco Control and Sales Regulations

Discussion: The current smoking age limit is 21. Smoking has been banned on the beaches. Menthol cigarettes were outlawed but it is unenforceable. The board needs to define smoking bars so that it can be regulated. Mr. Katsurinis suggested clarification from Town Council regarding the use of medical marijuana; what authority does the BOH have?

IV. Old Business

There was no old business.

V. Any other business that shall properly come before the Board

There was none

VI. Approval of Minutes

No minutes were submitted for approval.

VII. Health Department Report

There was none

VIII. Board Members' Statements

There were no statements made by the Board members

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Steve Katsurinis moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Elise Cozzi

Approved by _____ on _____, 2018