



Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the

BOARD OF HEALTH

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Judge Welsh Hearing Room, Provincetown Town Hall,

260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA

Board Members Present: Mark Phillips, Chair; Steve Katsurinis, Vice Chair; Dr. Elise Cozzi; Dr. Janet Whelan; Kalliope Chute; and Betty Williams, Alternate

Board Members Absent: Irv Morgan, Alternate

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

Recording Secretary: Linda Fiorella

Call to Order: Mr. Phillips called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

II. Old Business:

a. 63 Shank Painter fines

Mr. Phillips tabled item IIa for a future meeting.

b. Discuss and respond to BOS Member comments on BOH policies re: sewer connections

Discussion:

Mr. Phillips informed the Board that the previous month at a joint meeting with the Water and Sewer Board and the Select Board, a Select Board Member made comments about a change in regulations. Mr. Phillips stated he believes there is a misunderstanding of the regulations and proposed that he and Ms. Clark would follow up.

c. Follow up - smoking outside Community/Affordable Housing – Morgan Clark, presenting

Discussion:

Jennifer Cortez, a registered nurse whose family lives at Stable Path described an ongoing situation with second hand smoke from neighbors. Ms. Cortez expressed concerns over the health of herself and her family and her attempts to request her neighbors smoke far enough away from her unit to eliminate the problem of smoke entering her home. Ms. Clark reviewed the current policies in place at local housing agencies and stated that the Community Housing Partnership is drafting something. Ms. Clark recommended requesting the Select Board amend two Select Board policies regarding DPW services at multi-family affordable or community housing units to include language that the

project has a smoking policy that meets or exceeds HUD's smoke free rule. Further discussion included whether state building codes, workplace laws, or town bylaws would be applicable, and if vaping would be considered smoking.

Motion: *To proceed as Morgan Clark suggested and request that the Select Board modify their policies with reference to our definition of smoking.*

Motion: Steve Katsurinis

Seconded: Kalliope Chute

Vote: 5– 0 - 0

III. New Business

a. Report from Code Compliance Officer – Stephen Lorello, presenting

Discussion:

Stephen Lorello, Code Compliance Officer described his work supporting the Board of Health focusing on three major projects: seating where it affects restaurants and the gallons used and making sure the Town has an accurate seating plan; rental certificates; and cleaning up database to ensure accurate reporting and data. Mr. Lorello reported on changes over the previous few years rental certificate filings, explaining the processes of the outreach used to encouraging people to renew and locating people who were not in compliance.

b. Discussion: Desired upgrade to subsurface sewage disposal systems at Provincetown Housing Authority properties

Discussion:

Kiristin Hatch, Executive Director of the Provincetown Housing Authority; Elaine Anderson, Chair of the Board of Commissioners for the Provincetown Housing Authority; and Mike Carter GCG Associates Civil Engineer introduced themselves. Ms. Clark explained that they are looking to upgrade their disposal works system at two of their properties: Maushope and 40 Pearl Street. Ms. Clark further described the amount of pumping done at the properties, the location of the properties being within the E3 area of the sewer map, and the issues around an offered ACO, as well as Ms. Clark's concern that the current plans to upgrade at the Maushope property do not include future expansion of the property. Ms. Clark noted her concerns about the high cost of upgrading now for the properties when the possibility of being compelled to connect to the sewer at additional cost in several years. Ms. Hatch described the current situation at the properties. Mr. Carter offered his background and how he came to his recommendations to the Provincetown Housing Authority based on the functionality of the current septic systems and the probable timing of the sewer reaching the properties. Further discussion involved how systems can work during power outages and the potential to expand the septic system if the properties are expanded. Based on the input from the Board, Mr. Carter stated that the septic systems will need to be replaced before the sewer reaches Maushope and 40 Pearl Street.

c. Discussion: Disposal System Installation fees – Morgan Clark, presenting

Discussion:

Ms. Clark suggested altering the fee scale for disposal works systems to be based on the cost of construction, making some minor repairs less expensive than the current fee of \$250 and more extensive installations would cost more. Ms. Clark offered to do further research if the Board. Mr. Katsurinis noted that this change could encourage people to make repairs and Ms. Chute added that this type of fee calculation was less arbitrary.

d. Discussion: Draft Regulations on Lobster Tanks – Morgan Clark, presenting

Discussion:

Ms. Clark noted that Mr. Katsurinis wrote the draft, suggested a simplified regulation, and expressed concerns about enforcement. Mr. Katsurinis suggested that the fees charged for inspecting the tanks should be able to cover an expert coming to do the yearly inspection. Ms. Chute suggested consulting with experts to provide feedback on potential regulations. Further discussion covered the creation of a permit, concerns over the lobster's wellbeing and the risks to patrons and restaurant owners from not taking proper care of the lobsters, and consulting with local stakeholders for suggestions on what a good regulation would look like. Ms. Clark stated she would try to draft something for next meeting.

e. ACOs:

i. 5 Dyer – New Request

Mr. Katsurinis recused at 5:26 pm as he is an abutter.

Discussion:

Ms. Clark reported that 5 Dyer has a high likelihood of future connection to the sewer and 27 Pearl is a renewal and the cesspools are functioning.

Mr. Phillips suggested they take each property request separately because Mr. Katsurinis recused on the first one, and asked Ms. Williams to vote on item e. i.

Motion: *Move to approve the ACO request for 5 Dyer Street with the stipulation that the inspection takes place every five years.*

Motion: Dr. Elise Cozzi Seconded: Dr. Janet Whelan Vote: 5 – 0 - 0

ii.27 Pearl - Renewal

Mr. Katsurinis returned at 5:30 pm.

Discussion:

Ms. Chute requested the Inspector fill out the forms more clearly since on this one both failed and functioning were checked.

Motion: *Move to Renew the ACO for 27 Pearl Street.*

Motion: Steve Katsurinis Seconded: Dr. Janet Whelan Vote: 5 – 0 - 0

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

There was no other business

V. Approval of Minutes

a. October 19, 2017

b. November 13, 2017

c. November 13, 2017- Joint Meeting with the Water and Sewer Board

Motion: Move to accept the minutes as drafted for October 19, 2017, November 13, 2017 and November 13, 2017 – Joint Meeting with the Water and Sewer Board

It was pointed out that in the November 13, 2017 Joint Meeting with the Water and Sewer Board meeting minutes on the second page, last paragraph, Beach Point should be capitalized.

Motion: Steve Katsurinis Seconded: Dr. Elise Cozzi Vote: 5 – 0 - 0

VI. Health Department Report

Public Health:

Ms. Clark reported she had scheduled the Board’s walk thru of sewer plan right before next meeting on October 18, 2018 at 3pm, and Yoga for Addiction Recovery was launching that night and would take place every Thursday at 5:30 at VMCC, and a notification regarding sodium in the drinking water.

Ms. Chute asked about vaccines and Ms. Clark explained that the Health Department does a post card with details on where to get vaccines.

Ms. Marin reminded people to be sure to drain standing water to limit mosquitos.

The Board and Ms. Clark discussed that Ms. Marin is leaving her position.

VII. Board Members’ Statements

Ms. Williams requested a sign at the breakwater warning about the dangers of children getting hurt on the breakwater.

Dr. Cozzi announced a beach clean-up on Sunday at the blue chair and West End parking lot.

Ms. Chute noted that any hazardous trash can be taken to Transfer Station on October 6 for a scheduled Household Hazardous Waste Collection day.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fiorella

Approved by _____ on _____, 2018