



**Town of Provincetown
Meeting of the
BOARD OF HEALTH**

Monday, December 10, 2018

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

Board Members Present: Mark Phillips, Chair; Dr. Elise Cozzi; and Kalliope Chute

Board Members Absent: Steve Katsurinis, Vice Chair; Dr. Janet Whelan; Irv Morgan and Elizabeth Williams, Alternates

Other attendees: Morgan Clark, Health Director; Laura Marin and Lezli Rowell, Health Agents

Call to Order: Mark Phillips called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

I. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

II. Old Business:

There was no old business.

III. New Business

a. 16 Cottage Street – Request for a Public Health Connection to the Municipal Sewer – Jaime Meads, presenting.

Discussion: Ms. Clark noted Jaime Meads could not attend but Nancy Ann Meads was available to answer any questions. Ms. Marin presented a history of the agenda item, the property, buildings, and three cesspools on the property, two of which are failed. There were no questions for staff or the property owner.

Motion: *Move that the property at 16 Cottage Street presents a public health priority and shall hereby be ordered to connect to the municipal sewer upon consultation with the Department of Public Works regarding the process of connecting.*

Motion: Ms. Chute **Seconded Dr. Cozzi**

Motion: *Amend the motion to include that the apartments are not to be inhabited until the connection is complete.*

Motion: Ms. Chute **Seconded: Dr. Cozzi** **Vote: 3-0**

b. Appoint Lezli Rowell as Agent of the Board of Health

Discussion: Ms. Clark stated that Ms. Rowell is in training but cannot sign anything because she is not yet appointed.

Motion: *To appoint Lezli Rowell as agent of the Board of Health.*

Motion: Dr. Cozzi

Seconded: Ms. Chute

Vote: 3-0

c. ACOs:

i. 416 Commercial Street – New Request

Discussion: Ms. Clark gave a brief background on the property and the cesspool situation. Ms. Clark stated the cesspools were functioning and she suggested requiring that the system be inspected every year. The cost of inspections was discussed and Ms. Chute and Mr. Phillips noted their concern when an inspector checks off both yes and no on the form regarding whether the system is functioning or failed.

Motion: *To approve the ACO request for 416 Commercial Street with the stipulation that the system is inspected every year by a licensed septic inspector.*

Motion: Dr. Cozzi

Seconded: Ms. Chute

Vote: 3-0

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

No other business.

V. Approval of Minutes

Discussion: It was noted that one change to a footer was made.

Motion: *Move to approve the minutes for Monday, August 13, 2018 Joint meeting, Thursday October 18, 2018 the tour of the wastewater plant, and Thursday October 18, 2018 the regular meeting.*

Motion: Ms. Chute

Seconded: Dr. Cozzi

Vote: 3-0

VI. Health Department Report

On January 15, 2019 at 5:30 will be the next wastewater presentation. George Heufelder will discuss his work on enhancing nitrogen removal and it may take place at the Provincetown Commons. There will be upcoming regulatory changes to recycling containers, stickers, plastic bags, and Ms. Clark discussed how to further inform the public about the changes. There will be no strict enforcement until May 2019. Discussion included concerns about damage and loss of recycling containers and lids. Mr. Phillips suggested tying the lids. Ms. Chute suggested contacting the State for grants

for totes - a container with wheels and an attached lid, and grants for people to educate neighborhoods about recycling. Dr. Cozzi stated she will bring that up at the next recycling committee meeting.

Ms. Clark drafted regulations about lobster tanks and has incorporated feedback and has been hearing pushback. She is concerned that the Board is inserting itself where it may not need to be. The treatment of the animals and the concerns about health aspects was discussed, and Ms. Clark added that it was a site-specific issue and it is unclear over how many tanks are in town. Discussion included potential fees and processes for inspecting lobster tanks.

Motion: *The Board agrees not to move forward on the regulation for the lobster tanks.*

Motion: Mr. Phillips Second: Ms. Chute Vote: 3-0

VII. Board Members' Statements

Dr. Cozzi brought up e-communication for packets and is concerned with all the paper that is used.

Ms. Clark noted that the changed deadlines will make it possible to send packets early, and she stated they would send out a poll to determine who wanted a paper or digital packet.

Mr. Phillips is happy with an agenda approval followed a few days later by a packet being sent out.

Ms. Clark noted that she agreed, adding that there may at times be late additions.

Mr. Phillips thanked Betty Williams again for her service and also Ms. Marin.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mark Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fiorella

Approved by _____ on _____, 2019