



Town of Provincetown
Meeting of the
BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, February 25, 2019

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

Board Members Present: Steve Katsurinis, Acting Chair; Dr. Janet Whelan; Dr. Elise Cozzi; Kalliope Chute; and Dr. Susan Troyan, Alternate

Board Members Absent: Mark Phillips, Chair; Irv Morgan, Alternate

Other attendees: Morgan Clark, Health Director; Lezli Rowell, Health Agent

Call to Order: Steve Katsurinis called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

II. Public Hearing: Mandatory grease trap pumping requirements for food establishment licensees

Mr. Katsurinis opened the public portion of the hearing and there were no public comments.

Motion: Move to approve the mandatory grease trap pumping requirements for food establishment licenses as written.

Motion: Dr. Cozzi Seconded: Dr. Whelan

Mr. Katsurinis state a concern about the Water & Sewer Board withholding licenses.

Motion: Move to amend the motion with non-compliance referred to the Water & Sewer Board for enforcement, and referral to the Board of Health for consideration of withholding health license.

Motion: Mr. Katsurinis Seconded: Dr. Whelan Voted 4-0-0

Ms. Chute arrived at 1:07 p.m.

Ms. Clark arrived at 1:08 p.m.

Motion: Move to adopt as amended.

Motion: Dr. Cozzi Seconded: Dr. Whelan Voted 5-0-0

III. Old Business

a. BOH Volunteer(s) to MVP Workshop

Discussion: Ms. Rowell noted that the workshop is a day-long workshop and referred the Board to the material in the packet. Dr. Cozzi is available and volunteered.

Motion: *Move to designate Dr. Elise Cozzi as the Board’s volunteer to participate in the March 15, 2019 Community Resiliency Building Workshop, as part of the MVP process.*

Motion: Ms. Chute **Seconded:** Mr. Katsurinis **Vote:** 5-0-0

IV. New Business

a. Cemetery Commission draft amendments to Rules and Regulations to permit “Green Burials”, Dawn Walsh presenting

Discussion: Ms. Walsh gave a background of the work of the Cemetery Commission related to creating green burial policies, noting that the Commission has received the endorsement of the DPW, and has a section of the cemetery ready to go. Ms. Walsh provided information on green burial process including the environmental and economic benefits of offering the option of green burial, as well as the process moving forward through holding a public hearing and going before the Board of Select.

The Board discussed concerns with Ms. Walsh about public health and safety issues, the location and size of the new section for green burials, as well as the size of plots. Further discussion included the mechanics of the burials. Ms. Walsh noted that she is leading a series for Winter Wednesdays at 6 p.m. on The Art of Dying, and will be discussing green burial this Wednesday.

Motion: *Move to endorse the Provincetown Cemetery Commission’s work to bring Green Burial to the Provincetown Cemetery.*

Motion: Ms. Chute **Seconded:** Dr. Cozzi **Vote:** 5-0-0

b. State of doggie dining, Barbara Murphy and Elizabeth Brooke presenting for Animal Welfare Committee

Discussion: Ms. Brooke and Ms. Murphy discussed regulations on allowing dogs at dining establishments and requested information on the process establishments take to allow dogs, and how the Board of Health handles the requests. Ms. Clark discussed the difference between allowing service animals and doggie dining, and the process and regulations related to allowing dogs at outside dining areas. Further discussion covered how successful or unsuccessful the current policy is, and concerns about and potential methods of getting the education across to dog owners regarding the rules regarding pets at restaurants.

c. ACOs:

i. 414 Conwell Street – New Request

Discussion:

Motion: *To approve the ACO request for 14 Conwell Street with the stipulation that the system is inspected every year by a licensed septic inspector.*

Motion: Ms. Chute **Seconded:** Dr. Troyan **Vote:** 5-0-0

ii. 7 Railroad Ave – New Request

Motion: *To approve the ACO request for 14 Conwell Street with the stipulation that the system is inspected every year by a licensed septic inspector.*

Motion: Ms. Chute **Seconded:** Dr. Troyan **Vote:** 5-0-0

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

No other business.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion: *Move to approve the minutes for January 17, 2019*

Motion: Ms. Chute **Seconded:** Dr. Cozzi **Vote:** 5-0-0

VI. Health Department Report

Winter Wednesdays: Big success in terms of attendees and transport is being utilized.

Wastewater Talks: The next talk is being scheduled.

Ms. Rowell: Covered office last week. Passed her first test and is signing up for a lot of training.

Emergency Management/Parking Position: Applicants being interviewed.

VII. Board Members' Statements

The Board discussed with staff the wastewater infrastructure tax, priority areas for the sewer expansion, local and state laws regarding sewers, and ways of increasing conversations between the Water & Sewer Board and the Board of Health such as regular meetings and choosing a liaison or liaisons from the Board of Health to meet with the Water & Sewer Board or have one of the Board of Health members also be appointed to the Water & Sewer Board. Further discussion covered monitoring and improving the Water Treatment Plant in terms of grease at the plant.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Katsurinis moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fiorella

Approved by _____ on _____, 2019