

**Minutes from the Board of Health meeting held at 5:00 pm Wednesday December 29th,
2021**

Present: Charlene Farris (CF), Donald Makowski (DM), Brianna Dunn (BD)

Attendees: Tamara Dufresne (TD), Chrissy Florence, Tricia Valiton (TV)

5:13pm: DM opens the meeting

5:15pm: CF and DM agree to discuss the business with Animal Inspector Tamara Dufresne so she can return home as she wishes. CF asks her how barn inspections went (to take place from Oct-Dec annually). CF asks if TD had any reinspection's and if all inspections were complete. TD said that usually it is up to the BOH to maintain a list of barns, and where livestock are kept. BD and TD had no idea where to find it, the barn books are not in the office. BD tried getting the last one and was unsuccessful. TD reached out to Ashely Kraft from Dept. of Agriculture who was going to send TD an old list but that never came. BD and TD found some old inspections of livestock with owners, and addresses. TD used those and gathered info from driving around town. In total, so far, she had found 31 locations but is pretty sure there are more. Next year TD was thinking about having a voluntary registry. It would be confidential information but important for instances like natural disasters, or a disease outbreak. People with livestock should be prepared and have a plan. If people were not home, TD left a message that she was there and would like to inspect livestock. Most people responded, not all. TD said if people refuse, an Administrative Warrant could be used. CF said if people refuse, TD should reach out to office and BOH can get a letter together for her. Some people seemed confused, like it has not been a routine inspection. CF asks TD for an updated list of people with livestock. TD to date has issued 6 quarantine orders.

5:30pm: Chrissy Florence brought the Legal Handbook for MAHB. The Town of Warren has supplemental Title V regulations that don't appear to be signed, or on file with DEP, and no record of a hearing has been found. When originally appointed Chrissy wasn't aware of the supplemental regs in town which requires schedule 40 piping, that is hard to come by, and expensive right now. It could potentially pose a hardship to people, especially if they have a failing septic, the state requires schedule 35. Chrissy wants there to be something on record that BOH is choosing to continue to work with the supplemental regs, which she is not sure are totally legal. She confirms schedule 40 is required from the D box to the house per state Title V but is not required in the leech field. BOH agrees with Chrissy to use state Title V regs, schedule 35 pipe across the board, and use schedule 40 on an as need basis.

DM asks Chrissy if she has heard from Joe Pecore. DM says BOH will wait for his sewage disposal paperwork before BOH decides on the fee. Chrissy Florence said on 12/17/2021 an inspection was requested but she will not do it without the plans. BD shows the plan for 583 Old West Warren Rd. which is expired. DM asks BD to send Joe Pecore a formal reminder letter for paperwork.

Chrissy presents a possibility of regionalizing to the BOH. It would provide access to shared resources, more staffing for Title V, and Housing and Food inspections. It would be buying services from the home base town. Chrissy would not be interested in replacing people, but it would be a staff and pay increase. DM said regionalization could go good or bad, Chrissy agrees it the grant would have to be written a specific way. CF said we could investigate it especially if it has benefits for the town. DM says he would

like the option to opt out at any time. If Chrissy hears more about the grant and opportunities, she will reach out.

6:10 pm: TV discusses 29 Bacon St. with the BOH. Her first concern is the likelihood of lead paint at the dwelling. Nobody should do removal if they are not licensed. She explains her conversation with the occupants of the dwelling: The goal is to get the housing violations corrected, and she explains that Town Council is the tool for the Town not the occupants of the dwelling. She wants to keep the process as contained as possible. She made sure to ask occupants if they are currently in court and explained the housing court process to occupants. If they try taking landlord to court for same reasons as BOH one case will be kicked out and it will be money wasted.

TV says the property is not uninhabitable, but close. BD is to do some digging on information TV will request about the property that will likely come from water dept., FD and assessor.

TV discusses 21A Carpenter St. There is a leaky pipe, there was mold in places. Occupant was supposed wanted to update TV but TV has not heard from her. TV said instead of billing BOH for making calls, we could send a letter asking for occupant to contact BOH office. There have been no permits pulled.

6:55pm: CF motions to accept all bills and payroll. DM seconds – AIF

- Solid Waste Solutions- 12/1/2021 (\$2,100.00)
- Leachate Treatment - 11/4/2021 (\$105.00)
- Slims and Berthiaume – 10/26/2021 (\$175.00)
- Burdett's Trash Pick Up- 11/15/2021 (\$719.50) 12/15/2021 (\$719.50)
- Brianna Dunn – 11/27/2021 (\$356.16) 12/4/2021 (\$252.28) 12/11/2021 (\$445.20), 12/18/2021 (\$445.20 covid pay), 12/25/2021 (\$445.20 covid pay)
- Lisa Meunier- 12/13/2021 (\$2650.00) 12/27/2021 (\$1525.00)
- Tamara Dufresne – Month of December (\$100.00)
- Tricia Valiton – 12/13/2021 (\$360.00)
- Ken Lacey – Final Inspection 1370 Bemis Rd. (\$50.00) Final Inspection 250 Reed St. (\$50.00)

6:57pm: DM motions to accept 11/18/2021 minutes CF seconds – AIF

7:00pm: BD to notify BOS about Ken Lacey's resignation, and get vacancy posted.

7:05pm: BD updates board on how home test kits were distributed by state, and what options are going forward for Warren. BD should make a COVID tab on town website for general information for public. BOH reiterates they are following state guidance.

7:21pm: CF and DM discuss mask mandates- masks are mandated for municipal buildings and recommended for the general public. As a response to Chris Dunphy's question regarding BOH guidance for MVP meeting, BOH recommends masks be worn and sign in sheets be implemented for contact tracing purposes.

7:40pm: BD is to call Barton & LoGuidice headquarters to find out what is going on with the company and the lack of communication regarding landfill closure report, DEP noncompliance, and inspections. BD should reach out to Tighe and Bond.

8:08pm: DM motions to adjourn, CF seconds -

witnessed old TV's outside, broken, and a battery unit exposed to weather elements again. BD is to reach out to SWS.

7:19 pm: DM motions to reappoint Chris Jones as Plumbing and Gas Inspector and Mike Pluta as Warren's back up Plumbing and Gas Inspector, both for a term of 3 years. CF seconds – AIF

7:32pm: DM motions to adjourn, CF seconds, AIF



Respectfully Submitted

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