

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Neil D. Paquette, Chairman; Timothy J. Fontaine, Secretary; and Elinor Kelliher, M.D., Member were present. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Paquette.

Payroll schedules and bills were signed as approved by Board members. Minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting was read by Board members. Motion made by Dr. Kelliher to accept the July 18th minutes as written, with Mr. Fontaine seconding the motion. All in favor 3-0.

Mr. Paquette brought up the following items that have been discussed at earlier meetings:

- 16 Berkshire Street – In December of 2016, we had received a letter from Jose Teixeira requesting an extension of time to remove the debris off his property. Mr. Teixeira was informed that the Board voted a thirty (30) day extension. Mr. Paquette has recently driven by this property and has found that nothing has been done. A letter will be hand delivered by Health Inspector Timmy Mendes, and Mr. Mendes will explain (in Portuguese) what needs to be done within ten (10) days or further action will be taken.
- 14 Bucknell Street – Mr. Paquette has submitted photographs of this property. An anonymous person said that Stephen Foote (owner of 14 Bucknell Street) said he worked at East Street Auto. Mr. Paquette contacted East Street Auto and was informed that he did not work there. A Certified letter will be sent to an address in Enfield ordering him ten (10) days to maintain this property.
- 229 Miller Street, Trailer Lot A-6– Mr. Fontaine says that he went for an inspection of this trailer as requested by Veterans Agent Eric Segundo. He was accompanied by the Fire Department Captain Scott Kozak, Police Officer Funch, Building Commissioner Justin Larivee, and Outreach Coordinator Debbie Johnson. This trailer was Condemned and Ms. Johnson was to contact Greater Springfield Elder Service regarding housing for this occupant. Mr. Fontaine also said that Mr. Larivee has a court date in October to have about seven (7) more trailers removed.
- 35 Watson Lane – A complaint was received of a rooster crowing all day at this address. Mr. Paquette has driven by, but did not here a rooster. Mr. Fontaine will drive by to see if he can hear it.

Dr. Kelliher would like clarification on what was discussed at our meeting of July 18th where the Board approved Public Health Nurse Cheryl Messer-Lusty request. Ms. Messer-Lusty was approved to purchase equipment using the Nurses Donation Account. Dr. Kelliher was informed that we have a Maven Account. She would like clarification on these two accounts.

Lorraine Andrade came in to meet with the Board to discuss the problem she is having with her landlord. She rents Apartment A at 32 Chestnut Street. She explains that she was alerted one day when her cat caught a mouse underneath one of her appliances. She did not see the mouse or any droppings before this. This happened on July 1st. She contacted her landlord about this. He told her to purchase some traps and he would reimburse her. She did do that, however her cat caught another mouse a few days later. She spoke to the landlord again and he told her to buy more. The landlord also said that she was the only one making a complaint about the mice.

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Six (6) days later, her cat caught another mouse. She spoke with the landlord again. His response was that no one else is complaining about mice and they're only getting into her apartment, so the only difference between her apartment and everyone else's apartment is because she has a cat, so he feels the cats are attracting the mice. She told him that they must be coming from somewhere. Ms. Andrade was told that the handy man was supposed to do some caulking, but he never showed up, but came a few days later. Another time, her son had bugs in his bedroom. It took a month for the landlord to come. Mr. Paquette said that he learned that legally a structure occupying a one family renter is responsible for the extermination; a multi-family, the landlord is responsible. Ms. Andrade say that the landlord rents rooms with a common bathroom. He did get an exterminator but she paid for part of it. Mr. Fontaine will conduct an inspection of this apartment regarding the mice.

Complaint received regarding overgrown grass at 259 Chapin Street was reviewed by Board members. Certified letter will be sent to the homeowner allowing them ten (10) days to clean and maintain their property.

Discussion regarding the Director of Nurses position continues. Mr. Paquette would like to change the Director of Nurses position to a Management position. Mr. Fontaine and Dr. Kelliher agree. Mr. Paquette will speak with Human Resource Carrie Ribeiro to see what steps have to be taken to do this.

Mr. Paquette begins the discussion on the Nurse's yearly stipend. If they have a Bachelor's Degree, they receive \$750; a Masters in Nursing (as the Contract states) is \$1,000. He says that they have to produce documentation. He has already received one documentation. Dr. Kelliher is looking into changing or amending the Nurses Contract. She has spoken to Public Health Nurse Angela Kramer, who has a Masters in Pubic & Community Education, which seems to be very useful to our department. Master in nursing is more geared toward hospital based nursing skills which the nursed don't practice here. So it seems to me that the degree is very valuable to us S& is certainly valuable to the people who are contracted with Angela to do the Maven. She spoke with E Town Administrator Ellie Villano and she suggested consider writing a letter of support to the Board of Selectmen to change the language to reflect a Master in Public Health or Health related field being eligible for this stipend. The Board of Selectmen does the contract but a letter of support from us. Mr. Paquette and Mr. Fontaine read the letter that Dr. Kelliher has drafted. Mr. Paquette would like to have the other nurses input on this because he thinks a Masters in Nursing is more than getting a Master in Education.

Dr. Kelliher received an anonymous complaint regarding latex gloves. She says that she looked on line at the Food Code and found that latex gloves are not prohibited in food establishments, but in Massachusetts it is recommended not to use them. There's been discussions on this in other towns. Oregon has a prohibition against using latex glove in food establishments. Other cities and towns in Massachusetts have had discussions similar to this following a complaint and resolved it by working to educate food establishments about the risk of using latex gloves. Latex

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is a natural substance that given heat & moisture, it starts to break down and quickly distributes throughout the food. There are certainly risks in using latex gloves, not just for patrons, but for employees too. Mr. Fontaine says that food can only be touched by hands wearing gloves or using utensils. If he sees anyone wearing latex gloves, he tells them not to. He is sure that Health Inspector Andrew DaCruz does the same thing. Mr. Fontaine will inform Health Inspector Timmy Mendes about this. Mr. Fontaine will look into to this matter further as soon as he finds out what restaurant is involved.

Dr. Kelliher informs the Board that the School Building Committee requests the input of our Board on having the Emergency Preparedness Shelter at the new school. Mr. Paquette and Mr. Fontaine agree that it's a good idea. This will be brought up at the next LEPC meeting.

The following water samples taken from Haviland Pond reviewed by Board members were found to be safe for swimming:

- July 18, 2017 – 20 CFU's
- July 25, 2017 – 20 CFU's
- July 31, 2017 – 30 CFU's

The following Food Recalls were reviewed by Board members:

- Bestherbs Coffee LLC Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of New Kopi Jantan Traditional Natural Herbs Coffee Due to the Presence of Undeclared Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients and Undeclared Milk.
- Texas Legend Foods Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Cheese, Milk & Egg in "Silver Star Chipotle Dip".
- Garden of Light Inc. Recalls Woodstock Organic Matcha Vanilla Oats because of Possible Health Risk.
- Ultra Shop Supplement Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Super Panther 7K Due to Presence of Undeclared Sildenafil and Tadalafil.
- The Idaho Foodbank Recalls Coconut Beverage, Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Eggs, and Cheese Product because of Possible Health Risk.
- Bhu Foods Voluntarily Recalls Protein Bars for Possible Health Risk.
- EZ Weight Loss TX LLC Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Atomic and Xplode Capsules Due to the Presence of Undeclared Sibutramine.
- FDA Investigates Multiple Salmonella Outbreak Strains Linked to Papayas.
- Cantrell Drug Company Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of All Sterile Drug Products Due to Lack of Sterility Assurance.
- Hy-Vee, Inc. Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Soy in Hy-Vee Brand Pizza.
- Apace Packaging LLC Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Cyclobenzaprine HCL and Amantadine HCL (Lot 16710) Due to Potential Mislabeling.

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The following Legal Notices submitted by the Planning Board were reviewed by Board members:

- On the Application of Maria Holley of 43 Elaine Drive for Home Office – Pet services business (Holleys Pet Services). Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- On the Application of Alexa Wurszt of 531 Pinecone Lane for Home Office – Mobile grooming operation (Country Paw Mobile Grooming). Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.

The following Site Plans Granted by the Planning Board were reviewed by Board members:

- Silvestre Gama for Conversion of the store front to an apartment located at 165-169 East Street.
- Edward Sokolowski for Centergate Commons Association located at 354-362 Sewall Street.

The following Home Occupations Permits Granted by the Planning Board were reviewed by Board members:

- Danny Morais, 222 Cady Street for landscaping business (Morais Landscaping).
- Glen Shenkin, 25 Bliss Street for real estate investing company (Homestead Connections, LLC).

Letter from the Planning Board informing certain departments that they have Revoked Special Permit #173 for Paul's Tree Service which is located at 312 Miller Street based on the failure to comply with the Home Occupation Criteria and Special Permit Criteria that we have in the Town of Ludlow Zoning Bylaws.

The following Change of Occupancies were reviewed by Board members:

- Nicole Afonso for a hair salon to be located at 251 Cady Street.
- Nancy M. Richter for hair salon booth rental (From Hair On) to be located at 733 Chapin Street
- Ronald S. Chiasson for RemSport Mfg. LLC (separating business entities) to be located at 566 Holyoke Street.

The following Notice of Casualty Loss to Buildings were reviewed by Board members:

- Lee Winterton, 6 Circuit Avenue
- Lisa Pio, 140 Cady Street

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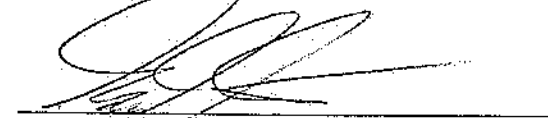
Septic Pumping reports submitted by Modern Septics and Barry Linton were reviewed by Board members.

Memorandum from Senior Technical Radon Specialist Lisa A. Hebert from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Indoor Air Quality Program was read by Board members.

Motion made by Mr. Fontaine to adjourn the meeting with Dr. Kelliher seconding the motion. All in favor 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy J. Fontaine
Secretary

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