

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Carolyn Rogowski, Secretary, and Adrienne DeSantis, Member were present with Office Assistant Tim Fontaine recording the minutes. Elinor Kelliher M.D. was absent. The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m. by Ms. Rogowski.

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Payroll schedules and bills were signed as approved by Board members. Minutes of the January 22, 2018 and January 31, 2018 meetings were read by Board members. Motion made by Ms. DeSantis to accept the minutes as written, with Ms. Rogowski seconding the motion. All in favor 2-0.

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Board Members decided on the next meeting dates of March 12 and 26, 2019.

Discussion took place about 72 Pondview Drive. The complaint was about living conditions within the home. The homeowner has passed away and the animals have been rehomed. The property is going through probate and will be turned over to the son. No further action is required by the Board.

Complaint came in about 389 East Street. Three tenants have complained about rats and improper living conditions. Inspector Dacruz will be doing an inspection on February 24, 2019.

Discussion took place about 521 Center Street. The tenant filed a complaint about the windows not being weathertight and ice has been forming within the apartment. Inspector Mendes went to the property on February 17, 2019. He has shown deficiencies within the apartment. Certified letter will be sent informing property owner to correct the violations within fourteen days of receipt of this letter.

Discussion took place about 453 East Street. The landlord (Anna Rodrigo) was to come before the Board. Ms. Rodrigo informed the Board by phone that she will not attend. The tenant has since moved out of the apartment. The Board will wait to see if any other complaints are received before further action is needed.

Board Members discussed the way mileage is reimbursed within the department. Under the current way, our nurses write down their odometer readings each day. The Town Accountant no longer needs these readings. Office Assistant Tim Fontaine will use MapQuest to track mileage and document accordingly. This will be addressed to the staff at a future meeting.

Board Members further discussed the use of a Town car to travel to meetings and conferences. The car should be used whenever possible to carpool. This would eliminate the mileage reimbursement to each nurse. There was a policy put into place and signed by the Board on May 8, 2018 to establish carpooling by all nurses.

Town Nurse, Angela Kramer, asked the Board about becoming a Certified Diabetic Educator. This would require Ms. Kramer to complete 1000 hours of teaching before taking a State exam. Board Members do not see the need for this credential within the department and feel that there is not enough time to allow for the 1000 hours during the year. All of the nursing staff educates patients throughout the day as needed. The Senior Center utilizes Nursing students from UMASS and AIC to do education at the center. Board Members will table this discussion until all Members can be present.

Director of Nurses, Cheryl Messer-Lusty asked the Board to purchase File of Life packages. Board Members would like to see if we can get them from the senior center.

Water test results from Westover Golf Course were reviewed by Board Members.

Food Establishment inspections turned in from Inspectors Dacruz and Mendes were reviewed by Board Members.

Morrell Associates Reports were reviewed by the Board.

A letter from the Pioneer Valley Tobacco Coalition regarding Tobacco Enforcement and procedures was reviewed by the Board.

The following Legal Notices for Special Permit/Home occupation received from the Planning Board were reviewed by Board Members:

- 34 Aldo Dr., Home Office – Cleaning Business, public hearing on February 28, 2019
- 53 Blanchard Ave. Home Office – Import Business, public hearing on February 28, 2019
- 25-27 Maple St. Home Office – Painting Business, public hearing on February 28, 2019

Change of Occupancy Approval submitted by the Planning Board for Turnpike Acres, 1102 Center Street was reviewed by the Board.

Site Plan Approval submitted by the Planning Board for 766 Chapin Street was reviewed by the Board.

The following Notices of Casualty Loss to Buildings were reviewed by Board Members:

- Anna Rodrigo, 39-41 West Street
- Denise Golinski, 42 Beachside Drive
- Martin and Katie Leary, 31 Armand Street
- Margarida Goncalves, 532 Winsor Street
- Daniel and Stephanie Dos Reis, 169 Winsor Street
- John Singleton, 56 Overlook Drive
- Darrell and Diane Levesque, 249 Prospect Street
- Gary and Mary-Beth Will, 50 Brunelle Street
- Jose and Maria Saraiva, 20 Richard Street

- Judy Zeigler, 130 Center Street
- Desare Easley, 43 Watt Ave.
- Jose Alves, 61 Dale Street

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Grease trap Pumping Records from Wind River Environmental were reviewed by Board Members.

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A letter from Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 305 South Street, Jamaica Plain, regarding Statewide Outbreak of HIV Infection in Persons who inject Drugs was reviewed by the Board.

A letter sent by ATC Group Services, 588 Silver Street, Agawam, Ma 01001 regarding Permanent Solution Statement and Method 3 Risk Characterization for 227 Center Street was reviewed by the Board.

A letter sent by the Department of Environmental Protection, 436 Dwight Street, Springfield regarding Public Notice to Consumers by the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission was read by the Board.

A letter from Springfield Water & Sewer Commission, PO Box 995, Springfield regarding High levels of Contaminant in the drinking water was read by the Board.

Pool reports from January 1st through January 31st submitted by Ludlow Community Center located at 91 Claudia's Way were reviewed by Board members.

January and February issues of Public Health Dispatch submitted by National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) were read by Board members.

NACCHO Exchange Volume 17, Issue 4 submitted by National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) was read by Board members.

Motion made by Ms. DeSantis to adjourn the meeting with Ms. Rogowski seconding the motion. All in favor 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Carolyn Rogowski
Secretary

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