

**Belchertown Board of Health Meeting**

January 6, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Lawrence Memorial Hall Auditorium

2 Jabish Street

Belchertown

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Hope Guardenier, LEEANNE Connolly and Jim Potter

**Absent:** Dana Barton

**In-Attendance:** Judy Metcalf, Director

H. Guardenier opened the meeting at 7:37 PM.

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1. No appointments were scheduled.
  2. Previous minutes were not available due to absence of Recording Clerk because of illness.
  3. Old Business of 2019 was discussed:

Almeida Country Café- a Certificate of Good Standing has been issued by the Tax Collector.

However, the Board of Health 2020 permit fee is still outstanding. Office will follow up with Mrs. Almeida and others as there are probably other establishments as well which have not renewed. Jim noted restaurant was closed today. Both Judy and Jim reported restaurant does usually close for an extended period of time during winter month for vacation. More discussion ensued. Hope received concurrent from fellow Board members present to send a letter to Board of Selectmen regarding consistent application of the by-law. The by-law requires back taxes be paid before a permit is issued. If by-law is not followed the same by all town agencies, it put an undue enforcement burden on a few departments. Also, members discussed that the by-law should probably be reviewed for unintended consequences and necessary exemptions. An example cited was dog licenses being withheld, which would just result in an unlicensed dog and no proof of rabies vaccinations.

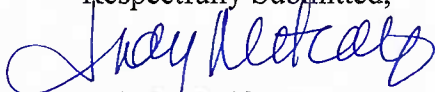
The Town of Belchertown has received a 1, 000,000 grant from the Department of Community Development for infrastructure improvements at Sportshaven Mobile Home Park.

Phoenix Fruit Farms passed inspection and received a limited bottling license for store-sale only apple cider production. 2020 permits for the store are still due. Office will follow up.

For future meetings, it was decided unanimously that if the Board did not have any pending appointment or time sensitive action items on the agenda, the meeting will be cancelled.

There being no additional business, meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Metcalf, RS. CHO

