

Belchertown Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Monday December 4, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Lawrence Memorial Hall



Present: Roger Bonsall, Gary Racicot, Andrew Drawec, Dana Burton and Hope Gaurdenier

Absent: Judy Metcalf, Director of Public Health

In-Attendance: Stephen Bell, MPH, Health Agent, and Recording Secretary: Mary Grenier

R. Bonsall opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

401 South Street Carl Nolan Owner; Michael Pietras, PE. Application for Local Upgrade to use a sieve analysis instead of doing a perc test. Discuss code compliance per Title V 15.222 (7) and (8). Mr. Pietras was present and handed the Board revised plans. Judy Metcalf, Director, had emailed Mr. Pietras and let him know that a repair design for this property had been rejected twice in the past, one designed by a different engineer. The main concern was the wetlands in the area, the location of the existing well and cleanouts. Mr. Pietras had filed with Conservation and on November 27, 2017 the Commission has issued 401 South Street a Negative Determination with conditions. Mr. Pietras also verified the placement of the existing well and has provided on the plan the clean-out for the bend. Stephen Bell has reviewed the revised plan and it does address the concerns Director Metcalf had. No wetlands will impact the septic system. H. Gaurdenier motioned to approve Local Upgrade for Carl Nolan the use of a sieve analysis instead of a perc test for septic repair at 401 South Street due to the elevated ground water and depth of the fill on the site. A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.

The Board acknowledged the warrant signed by D. Burton on 12-1-17.

H. Gaurdenier informed the Board how well *farm to school* garden has been. Many fresh vegetables have been given to the Belchertown Schools. At the last meeting H. Gaurdenier had asked about the Board doing a Community Assessment to see the needs of the community in regards to public health. Also how much does the Board get involved in what is happening in the community? H. Gaurdenier said she is interested in knowing how the Board of Health works in the community and had several ideas. S. Bell explained to the Board that as of August 2017 the Belchertown Board of Health department has been without a public health nurse. Baystate Wing had, as a community outreach program, funded 10 hrs. a week for a town nurse. They have since abandoned that program. The public health nurse would be the person doing and acting on the initiatives that H. Gaurdenier is asking about. The Board will need to take up discussion in the future regarding a public health nurse.


Board signed monthly warrant.

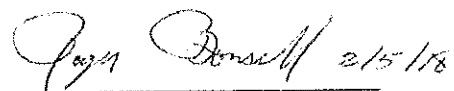
A. Drawec motioned to accept the meeting minutes of November 6, 2017 as written. H. Gaurdenier seconded. All in Favor.


Board reviewed mail file.

A. Drawec motioned to adjourn @ 8:25 PM. G. Racicot seconded. All in Favor.


Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Grenier


Roger Bonsall, Chairman


Andrew Drawec, Vice Chair

Gary Racicot


Dana Burton


Hope Guardenier