Belchertown Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Monday February 1, 2016 at 7:30 PM
Lawrence Memorial Hall

Present: Gary Racicot, Gail Gramarossa, Robert Hutchinson and Sean Cleary
Absent: Roger Bonsall
In-Attendance: Judy Metcalf

✧Robert opened the meeting at 7:36 PM

✧**7:35 PM 53 Amherst Road** Robert Martin Owner; Neil Jackson Designer: LUA request-1' reduction in separation between the SAS and high groundwater 4'>3' Neil Jackson was present and explained to the Board the yard is all high ledge. There was only one area to place the new system. Gail motioned to grant Robert Martin 1' reduction in separation between the SAS and high groundwater from 4'>3', due to lot constraints, status of the soils and new system will be an improvement over what is there now. Gary seconded. All in Favor.

✧The Board began discussing the possibility of changing/amending Belchertown's tobacco regulations. Although there is a bill in the State legislature to change the minimum age for the sale of tobacco, many cities and towns throughout Massachusetts have already enacted regulations that ~~rose~~ increase the age to 21 yrs. to purchase tobacco products. Also a concern is the sale of vapors and ecigs along with the issue of public use with these alternative tobacco products. Gail and Judy have gathered information for the Board to review. Judy asked the Board for direction in how they would like to proceed. The Board asked Judy to prepare draft regulations for them to review at their next meeting. These draft regulations will contain minimum age for sale, tobacco delivery products, and open space areas. WFSB and WWLP were at this meeting and interviewed Gail Gramarossa in regards to Belchertown's tobacco regulations.

✧ Board reviewed the submitted level funded budget. Judy showed the Board a budget with a one- time increase of $4,500 to be used to purchase a sharps drop-off box/container for the town along with $1,500 which will be required annually to cover the cost of approximately 4 disposal pick- ups. There are no grants being funded by DPH at this time. The container will need to be placed outside and have access to electricity. Gail moved to accept the level funded FY17 budget of $16,471. Gary seconded. All in Favor. Gary motioned to approve the FY17 budget to include a one-time cost of $4,500 for the purchase of a sharps disposal container for the town of Belchertown and to add $1,500 into the FY17 budget and every year after to pay for the disposal pick-up. Gail seconded. All in Favor.

✧Gary motioned to accept the January 4, 2016 meeting minutes as amended. Gail seconded. Robert in Favor. Sean abstained.

✦Board signed warrant.

✦Gary moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Sean seconded. All in Favor.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk

Robert Hutchinson

Gary Racicot

Gail Gramarossa

Sean Cleary