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 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk

Robert Hutchinson

Gary Racicot

Gail Gramarossa

Sean Cleary

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