

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

**Present:** Roger Bonsall, Gail Gramarossa, Robert Hutchinson and Sean Cleary

**Absent:** Gary Racicot

**In-Attendance:** Judy Metcalf

Robert opened the meeting at 7:31 PM

**7:35 PM 296 South Street** William Bracket Owner; Neil Jackson, Designer  
LUA request: Less than 100' from a bordering vegetated wetland~69' requested *and* 1' reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater 4'>3'. Neil Jackson was present and explained with Local Upgrade it would avoid putting in a pump system. Sean motioned to approve Local Upgrade to William Brackett at 296 South Street a reduction no less than 69' from bordering vegetated wetland instead of the required 100' And a 1' reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater, 3' instead of the required 4' due to lot constraints and having to install a pump system. Roger seconded. All in Favor.

**7:40: PM 53 Amherst Rd.** Robert Martin Owner; Neil Jackson Designer:  
Post construction Local Upgrade needed. Because of ledge/large boulders tank was installed 7.5' from slab of garage instead of the required 10'. Neil Jackson was present and explained to the Board that during installation they encountered very high ledge and were only able to get the tank 7.5' from the garage slab foundation, State requires 10'. Roger motioned to approve *after the fact* the septic tank at 53 Amherst Road installation of 7.5' from garage slab foundation instead of the required 10' due to the high ledge. Gail seconded. All in Favor.

**Tobacco Discussion:** Judy explained to the Board that the *Draft* smoking regulations are amendments to Belchertown's current Tobacco Regulations. The Draft includes new definitions which include electric smoking devices, smoking in public areas and the change of minimum age from 18 yrs. to 21 yrs. Roger asked how the amendment 261-7 (K) *No Healthcare Institution or Retail Establishment that operates a Healthcare Institution within it, such as pharmacy or drug store, shall sell or cause to be sold tobacco products as defined by these regulations* would affect the Stop & Shop in town. Sean believes as written it would prohibit Stop & Shop from selling tobacco/tobacco products. Judy will reach out to other cities and towns to see how they dealt with Walmart, Target and larger grocery stores that have pharmacies in them and the sale of tobacco. Also included in the draft regulations is the prohibiting smoking in public places including outdoor seating areas that serve food and liquor. Judy mentioned that the Fair Committee would like to know if these regulations regarding public places i.e. town common, will be in effect for the Town Fair. They would like to be able to let all their vendors know of this regulation

change. Gail said she would like to see everything placed in the *Draft* regulations and hold a public hearing, see how the public feels about these changes. Roger would like to hold the Public Hearing in May 2016. Sean would like to have additional information at their April 4, 2016 meeting. Judy will get that information to the Board.

Robert asked if BOH bought a sharps disposal unit. Judy said the budget is in and the Finance committee is still reviewing. Office has not heard anything yet.

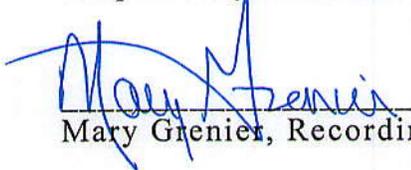
Gail moved to accept the meeting minutes of February 1, 2016 as amended. Roger seconded. All in Favor.

Board signed warrant.

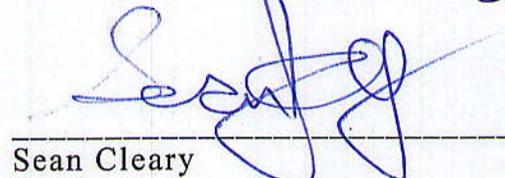
Gail motioned to nominate Thomas Flebotte as Animal Inspector for term May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017. Roger seconded. All in Favor.

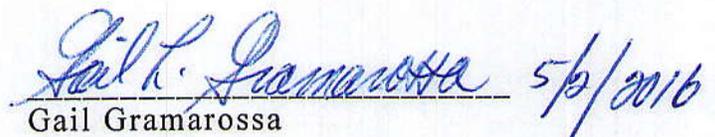
Sean moved to adjourn at 8:31 PM. Roger seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mary Grenier, Recording Secretary

  
Robert Hutchinson 5-2-2016

  
Sean Cleary

  
Gail Gramarossa 5/2/2016

  
Roger Bonsall 5/2/16