Belchertown Board of Health Meeting Minutes Monday February 4, 2019 at 7:30 PM Lawrence Memorial Hall

Present: Roger Bonsall, Andrew Drawec, Dana Burton and Hope Guardenier
In-Attendance: Judy Metcalf, Director, Finn McCool, Health Agent and Mary Grenier, Recording Secretary

A. Drawec opened the meeting at 7:32 PM

103 Turkey Hill Road Marlene & John Bressette Owners; Lorri McCool, R.S. present. Local Upgrade request for 1’ separation between the SAS and high groundwater and the use of one deep hole in proposed disposal area and the use of a sieve analysis instead of a perc. Per the design they will be installing a 1000 gal. pump chamber and a 15’x40’ leach field. Existing 1500 gal septic tank to remain. The infiltrators installed in a 2006 repair have failed. Home is being sold. An upgraded system in full compliance with 310 CMR 15.000 is not feasible due to lot constraints.
H. Guardenier motioned to approve a 1’ separation between the SAS and high groundwater and the use of a sieve analysis instead of a perc test for SAS repair at 103 Turkey Hill Road. R. Bonsall seconded. All in Favor.

J. Metcalf introduced Finn McCool, Quabbin Health Districts new Health Agent, to the Board.

Phoenix Farm Stand Mill Valley Road. J. Metcalf has been working with the Owner Ellie Vaughn. Ms. Vaughn wants to install a small kitchen to make cider donuts. Alan Weiss, R.S. has been assisting Ms. Vaughn with the project.

H. Guardenier asked J. Metcalf what if anything the Board of Health is required to do in reference to the marijuana host agreement that was signed by the Selectman. J. Metcalf said BOH does not inspect or issue any permits for marijuana retail or growing. D. Burton will be able to answer any questions because she was the BOH representative on the committee regarding marijuana host agreements.

J. Metcalf updated the Board on Sportshaven Mobile Home Park; the next status hearing date is at the end of April. J. Metcalf and P. Adzima are working on a list of Owners for the abandoned and vacant homes. They will be formally condemning homes that are uninhabitable. Owners will have seven days to write a letter to the BOH to request a hearing. The State Community Development & Housing are working with the Tenant Association with finding resources and grant funding that may be available. At Town meeting in May there will be a vote to waive the back taxes that are owed to the Town. If taxes are waivered it will be more attractive for someone or company to purchase, renovate etc.

J. Metcalf will be attending the Agricultural Committee meeting in April on an invitation from William Shattuck. They would like to discuss the selling of food, Residential Kitchen permits and Farmer’s Market.

A. Drawec let it be known that he will not be running for re-election. All present were disappointed and let him know that he will be missed. Everyone wished him well and thanked him for serving on the Board of Health.

Board signed warrant.

D. Burton motioned to accept the meeting minutes of February 4, 2019 as written. H. Guardenier seconded. All in Favor.

H. Guardenier motioned to adjourn at 8:23 PM R. Bonsall seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier

Andrew Drawec, Chairman

Roger Bonsall

Dana Burton

Hope Guardenier