Belchertown Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Monday May 7, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Lawrence Memorial Hall

Present: Roger Bonsall, Gary Racicot, Andrew Drawec, and Hope Guardianer
Absent: Dana Burton, Judy Metcalf
In-Attendance: Recording Secretary: Mary Grenier

R. Bonsall opened the meeting at 7:31 PM.

296 Daniel Shays Highway REPAIR: Local Upgrade 1) reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater 1' (4'-3') 2) Use of a sieve analysis instead of a perc (too wet to perform perc) 3) SAS to be 61' from wetland instead of the Belchertown regulation requiring 100'. Neil Jackson was present and addressed the Board. If Board allows the reduction in separation and the decrease from the wetland setback it will save the Owners from having to install a pump system. The area was too wet to do a perc test. A. Drawec motioned to approve 1) the reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater to 3' instead of the required 4'; 2) the use of a sieve analysis instead of a perc test and for repair to be 61' from the wetland instead of the 100' Belchertown regulation and is within the State minimum of 50'. G. Racicot seconded. All in Favor.

Contractor Service Agreement with Charles Kaniecki R. Bonsall let the Board members know that Andrea Crete who was contracted approximately two years ago to witness perc tests for Belchertown has resigned. Charles Kaniecki has offered his services. R. Bonsall knows Mr. Kaniecki and has worked with him when R. Bonsall was an employee of the Quabbin Health District. R. Bonsall told the Board Mr. Kaniecki has a wealth of experience in Public Health; he is a knowledgeable and fair man. H. Guardianer motioned to accept the service agreement contract with Charles Kaniecki as outlined. A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.

H. Guardianer-Board’s role in advising J. Metcalf in the permitting of emerging businesses specifically a farm distillery business that has come to her attention. H. Guardianer was approached by a Belchertown resident who complained that she was a farmer and is interested in running a distillery from her home but was not getting the permits from the Health Office. H. Guardianer said she was taken aback because as a Board member she was unaware of this emerging business. She thought that this was something the Board is supposed to be aware of and of any business that is trying to come into town. R. Bonsall explained that the offices are very busy. The Board does not get overly involved in the day to day issues. That is why they appoint J. Metcalf as the Director. J. Metcalf knows and understands the permitting process and regulations. When an issue arises J. Metcalf will bring it to the Board. R. Bonsall suggests that H. Guardianer go into the office periodically to review the mail and see what is currently happening, or call J. Metcalf for updates. G. Racicot said that he also gets stopped out in public and asked questions that he is unable to answer. He said he contacts J. Metcalf himself or refers they call the office. H. Guardianer does want an update on what is coming to the health department and if it is too much for the office then she will contact J. Metcalf.
H. Guardenier does not want this resident to think that the town is not business friendly and hopes that we do not make her 'jump through a lot of hoops for a permit. **Sportshaven Mobile Home Park:** The Board reviewed memo from J. Metcalf. Tenant Group has been appointed by Housing Court has “receiver”, meaning with court oversite they act in lieu of the owner in collecting rents and making repairs. That process is slowly moving forward, with many agencies involved in helping set health and environmental priorities. However, the main hurdle remains- the land value, number of units, and rents collected are not sufficient to pay for the infrastructure repairs at the Park through traditional financing (mortgage). Grants, guaranteed loans, and increased rent collections are necessary and are being researched.

The Board reviewed mail from the State notice of Vulnerability grants. R. Bonsall believes that Belchertown would not be able to secure this grant, they are mostly for coastal and river vulnerable communities. R. Bonsall will contact J. Metcalf regarding the Vulnerability grant program and about joining the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District.

The Board read Governor Baker’s response letter acknowledging the letter written by J. Metcalf on the Board’s behalf for support and continued funding for the Health Incentives Program (HIP)

**Pine Valley Plantation:** Pine Valley Notice of non-compliance- that park’s water wells were not in violation of lead or copper levels; rather they were in violation of not relaying testing results to the park residents.

Board signed warrant.

R. Bonsall asked that the April 2, 2018 minutes be amended in the third paragraph to read “... he would not be in favor of removing fifty or more trees to save 30’ for an SAS.” from... although he said he would not be in agreement to cut down fifty or more trees to put in an SAS. A. Drawec motioned to approve the April 2, 2018 meeting minutes as amended. H. Guardenier seconded. All in favor. The Board will sign the amended minutes at next meeting.

H. Guardenier wanted the Board to know that there is a lot of fundraising around town to raise money for new trails near Lake Wallace. Mass Development will provide a matching grant.

G. Racicot motioned to close the meeting @ 8:22 PM A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.

Mary Grenier

Roger Bonsall, Chairman

Gary Racicot

Andrew Drawec, Vice Chair

Hope Guardenier