

**Belchertown Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Monday August 27, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Lawrence Memorial Hall**

Present: Roger Bonsall, Andrew Drawec, Dana Burton

Absent: Hope Guardenier

In-Attendance: Judy Metcalf, Mary Grenier, Carrie Latulippe

A. Drawec opened the meeting at 7:32 PM.

A. Drawec wanted to take a moment to honor Board Member Gary Racicot who passed away recently. Gary Racicot was a long time member of the Board of Health and will be greatly missed. A. Drawec said that when he was elected to the Board, Gary was very helpful to him and was like a mentor. Board members and staff agreed that Gary was a great asset to the Board and community. We will all miss hearing Gary say at the end of the meetings *"Is there anything else for the good and welfare of this organization?"*

Carrie Latulippe, RN was introduced to the Board. Carrie has been hired as Town Nurse as described in the shared host agreement with Ware, MA. The Board welcomed Carrie.

35 Fletcher Avenue: Owner Louis Tonelli; Engineer Lorri McCool. Local Upgrade request for septic repair a reduction in 1' separation between SAS and high groundwater 5' to 4'. Neither owner nor Engineer was present. The perc was less than 6" per minute. The design shows they will be raising the plumbing in the basement 8". New tank elevation to remain the same. R. Bonsall motioned to approve Local Upgrade to Louis Tonelli for septic repair at 35 Fletcher Avenue a reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater due to lot constraints and to reduce the amount of fill needed. D. Burton seconded. All in Favor.

406 Warren Wright Road: Owner Louis Butler; Engineer Neil Jackson. Local Upgrade request for septic repair a 1' reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater 4' to 3'. Neither owner nor Engineer was present. J. Metcalf went through the design with the Board. New 1500 gal. Septic tank and pump chamber will be installed. Fill would be out of the ground, would not gain much environmentally. Perc was 11 min. per inch and mottling was 5'. R. Bonsall motioned to approve Local Upgrade to Louis Butler for septic repair at 406 Warren Wright Road for reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater from 4' to 3', due to the slope and fill concerns. D. Burton seconded. All in Favor.

Dwight Station Mini Mart: Owner Muhammad Saqib Siddiqui:

During a routine inspection the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program (MTCP) conducted a tobacco retail inspection/compliance check in Belchertown as part of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) contract with Massachusetts. Dwight Station is in violation of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act for selling tobacco to a minor and has been issued a warning letter from the FDA. Because of this violation the Board of Health has notified Mr. Siddiqui that a hearing has been scheduled with the Board regarding his Belchertown Tobacco Retail permit #18-34.

The Board received a letter on 8/27/18 from Attorney Richard Maynard, asking for a continuance regarding his client Muhammad Saqib Siddiqui owner of Dwight Station 1066 Federal Street, until the Board's next meeting on October 1, 2018. The Board agreed to post-pone hearing until October 1, 2018 so Mr. Siddiqui's attorney can be present.

Natural Gas: The Board reviewed and signed a letter addressed to Governor Baker, stating that they are joining other Massachusetts Boards of Health in urging him to require an independent health impact assessment prior to authorizing any natural gas infrastructure projects in Massachusetts. Natural gas flowing through pipelines

contains volatile contaminants, such as benzene and formaldehyde, which can cause human illnesses, even at low concentrations. This letter was written from a request from Dr. Stephen Jones who made a presentation before the Board and at their July 2, 2018 meeting regarding the health risks with natural gas.

Solar Farms: The Board was apprised of a letter Director Judy Metcalf addressed to Douglas Albertson, Town Planner in reference to two commercial solar farm proposals. Since neither of the parcels cited involves a post closure of a capped landfill or a parcel with a brownfield designation due to hazardous material release, she wrote that the Health department does not have regulator, environmental public health role in review in these land use proposals. In 2012 the Board had discussions regarding solar fields because New England Small Farm Institute was looking into solar photovoltaic for their parcel. After doing research Board member Sean Cleary said that he does not see a need for the Board of Health involvement. J. Metcalf asked if the Board still wishes to take this position. R. Bonsall agrees that the Board does not need to be involved for solar projects the Board does not have regulatory, environmental public health role.

J. Metcalf will be asking Dr. Safi of Hakim & Sofi in Ware, MA to be the Board's physician advisor.

Board signed warrant.

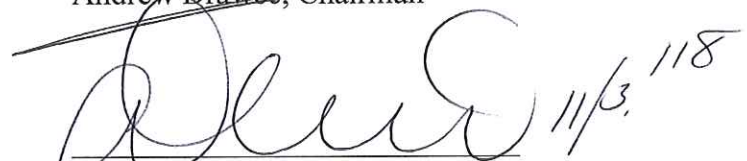
R. Bonsall motioned to accept the meeting minutes of July 2, 2018 as written. D. Burton seconded. All in Favor.

R. Bonsall moved to adjourn at 8:42 PM D. Burton seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mary Grenier


Andrew Drawee, Chairman


Dana Burton


Roger Bonsall