

Belchertown Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Monday November 6, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Lawrence Memorial Hall

Present: Roger Bonsall, Andrew Drawec, Dana Burton and Hope Guardenier
Absent: Gary Racicot, Judy Metcalf, Director of Public Health
In-Attendance: Recording Secretary: Mary Grenier

R. Bonsall opened the meeting at 7:32 PM.

Board was advised that Judy Metcalf, Director of Public Health for the Quabbin Health District will be on leave of absent until further notice.

99 Allen Road Byron and Kristina Miltz Owner; John Kopinsky Engineer: Requesting a 2' reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater. Mr. Kopinsky explained to the Board that they will be installing a Presby System. It will remain a gravity system. Owners are selling the property and the current system has failed Title V. Using this design will prevent them from having to install a pump system. A. Drawec motioned to approve the Local Upgrade to Byron and Kristina Miltz a 2' reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater instead of the required 4' for the septic repair at 99 Allen Road. D. Burton seconded. All in Favor.

26 Stebbins Street Diane Gioiosi Owner; Alan Weiss Engineer requesting a 1' separation between SAS and high groundwater. Mr. Weiss addressed the Board and explained that a Local Upgrade was approved at this property for a 2003 repair. They will be removing the old system as much as it interferes with the repair. A. Drawec motioned to approve the Local Upgrade of a 1' separation between the SAS and high groundwater (5'>4') for the repair at 26 Stebbins Street. H. Guardenier seconded. All in Favor.

The Board congratulated their former board member, Gail Gramarossa, for being named this year's Founder's Day Recipient. Each year the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley gives an award to a woman who exemplifies the ideals of Zonta International. R. Bonsall said she was a great contributor to the Board of Health.

H. Guardenier asked about community involvement, she explained that she was at a meeting where it was discussed the schools take classes on educational trips to Lake Wallace and putting in walking trails for community use. H. Guardenier also spoke of the schools gardening, putting fresh food to table in the schools. They had an abundance of beans, kale, tomatoes and more this year. She said she has spoken to J. Metcalf, Director of Public Health, about this. H. Guardenier periodically will be bringing to the Board issues from the community that may be of importance to the Health Department to see how the Board can get involved or help.

Fee Schedule: The Board reviewed the information and current fee schedule. Belchertown Board of Health has not raised any fees since 2010. R. Bonsall said that he would like to have staff input before going through and changing any fees. The Board agreed to table this discussion and will re-visit it later in the year 2018.

Board signed warrant.


Board members received a copy of the *Open Meeting Law* from the Attorney Generals office dated October 6, 2017

H. Guardenier motioned to accept the meeting minutes of September 11, 2017 as written. A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.


The Board wished a speedy recovery to member Gary Racicot.

A. Drawec moved to adjourn at 8:20 PM H. Guardenier seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mary Grenier


Roger Bonsall, Chairman


Andrew Drawec, Vice Chair


Dana Burton


Hope Guardenier