

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

January 2, 2017 – 6:00 PM – Richmond Town Hall, 1529 State Road

PRESENT: Mr. Fred Schubert; Ms. Louise Maron, Chair; Mr. Andrew Fisher; Mr. Peter Cohen; Mr. Anthony Segal; Mr. John Olander, Agent; Ms. Phyllis LeBeau, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Maron at 6:00 PM. Minutes of the December meeting were read, and several revisions were made. Mr. Schubert moved that the minutes be accepted as revised. He was seconded by Mr. Segal and the motion was carried by unanimous consent.

Camp Russell Inspection: Ms. Maron opened a discussion on the Camp Russell inspection. She reported on her conversation with Mr. Mark Pruhenski, the Town Administrator, about whether Mr. John Olander or Ms. Jane Smith of the Berkshire Public Health Alliance should do the Camp Russell inspection. According to Mr. Pruhenski it was a budget issue.

A discussion of three possible choices ensued: 1. Use the 2017 Board of Health budget to pay the Alliance for Ms. Smith's work. 2. Have Mr. Olander do the inspection by himself – eliminating the cost. 3. Mr. Olander and Ms. Smith split the work of the inspection – reducing the cost. As part of that discussion, Ms. Maron advised the group that there was \$1,915.00 remaining in the 2017 budget for the Board of Health expenses. This generated some conjecture that the cost to contract with the Alliance would most likely be covered by that amount. Mr. Olander said that he believed there was some additional money available in the Board of Health Agent's budget that could be used for the BPHA contract. He was in favor of working with Ms. Smith on the inspection.

Mr. Olander noted that there is usually a preliminary inspection done in June, just before camp begins. He said he could then go back and do a second inspection after camp begins, which would put the expense in the next fiscal year's budget. Ms. Maron reminded the Board that they have invited the camp owner, Mr. Peter Fish, to meet with them on January 18th to explain how the camp plans to address the several serious problems found by the State Dept. of Health in their recent inspection. The assumption was that Mr. Fish would be responsible to bring to that meeting all the policies, etc. that are in place to assure the proper running of the camp.

A further discussion of the timing of the inspections and the usual timing of permits being issued, led to the decision to look up the regulations. Mr. Segal and Mr. Olander will access the MDPH Camp Regulations and report on their findings before the meeting with Mr. Fish. That raised the question of whether Mr. Fish was planning to attend the January 18th meeting as noted in the letter sent to him. It was decided that Ms. Maron would contact both Mr. Fish and Mr. Scott Koczela of the Alliance, who had expressed an interest in being part of that meeting, to determine if they were going to attend.

Mr. Maron then returned to the issue of which course of action the Board would pursue and how they would cover the expenses. It was decided that the Board would contract with the BPHA for Ms. Jane Smith's services and that the funds for that contract would be taken from the 2017 Board of Health Expense Account.

Mr. Schubert offered to work up a potential budget for the Board for the Fiscal 2019 budget that would include funds for contracting with the Alliance for inspections. He would need to receive a quote from the Alliance on which to base the amount to be budgeted. At the same time, it was decided that the Board of Health page for the upcoming Annual Report would be written by Mr. Peter Cohen.

Smoking Regulations: Ms. Maron read an email sent to her by Mr. Mark Pruhenski concerning the placing of the legal ad in the local news media announcing the Open Meeting in February on the subject of the smoking regulations. A discussion followed on the use of the word "workplace" in the name of the regulations. It was considered to be misleading and restrictive. The preferred wording would be Richmond facilities. The deadline for changes to the ad is January 11th. Mr. Fisher moved to have Mark Pruhenski revise the ad to delete the word "workplace". He was seconded by Mr. Cohen and passed by unanimous vote. Ms. Maron will advise Mr. Pruhenski of this decision.

Hilltop Orchard Inspection: Mr. Olander reported that an Order to Correct was sent to Hilltop Orchard and the hot water issue has been corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Space & Recreation Plan: Mr. Cohen reported that he had accessed the Plan and read what the responsibilities of the Board of Health were within it. The responsibility of the Board in the Plan is to protect the public water supply. As there is no municipal water system and, since Mr. Olander, the Board's Agent, does inspections of all wells, that responsibility has been covered.

NEW BUSINESS: See Attached

Conference of the MAHB on Natural Gas Infrastructure on January 30th in Boston.

Winter Weather and Seasonal Flu Call and Webinar on January 3rd at 3:00 PM

All-Hazard Preparedness Checklist:

Mass. Clean Energy Center

HIV Transmission – Clinical Advisory

When Disaster Strikes Are You Ready for the Paperwork:

Richmond Emergency Management: With the retirement of Mr. Tom Grizey as Emergency Manager for the town, the role was turned over to Mr. Steve Traver. Mr. Cohen will ask Mr.

Traver to attend the March meeting of the Board of Health to advise what he is doing and whether anyone has continued to do home checks of the elderly in extreme weather.

Topics Not Anticipated: CDC Health Advisory on the Flu Vaccine (See attached)

Agent's Report: (See Attached)

Next Meeting: February 6, 2018 will be the next meeting and will be the Open Meeting on the Smoking Regulations

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Fisher moved that the meeting be adjourned. He was seconded by Mr. Cohen and the motion carried by unanimous consent.