

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, April 2, 2018 – Richmond Town Hall – 1529 State Road – 6:00 PM

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

GUESTS: Ms. Jayne Smith, Berkshire Public Health Alliance – Health Agent

Review Minutes of the February Meeting: Minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting were approved with the correction to the name of the Executive Director of the Boys & Girls' Club to Mr. Joseph McGovern. Motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Mr. Peter Cohen, seconded by Mr. Andrew Fisher and passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Camp Russell Action Plan – Jayne Smith: Ms. Smith met with Mr. Joseph McGovern, Director of the Boys & Girls Club to go over his Action Plan for Camp Russell. She provided a sample of the completed Action Plan and of the Parents Handbook to the Board.

Ms. Smith reported that she reviewed the above documents with reference to the new regulations coming out of the State. She offered some suggestions to Mr. McGovern for revisions and inclusions that would bring his Plan into compliance with those new regulations.

Policies and Procedures for Camp Russell will be completed by April 12th, at which time Ms. Smith will review the revised document.

Action Plans to correct the problems in the physical plant are written but due to the deep snow conditions this winter, work has not been able to begin. The work consists of items that should be able to be completed quickly. Ms. Smith has set a tentative appointment date in mid-June for Mr. McGovern to submit any previous incomplete records and policies. The camp has hired an architect and a contractor to build new bathrooms, but given the lack of access, they will repair the existing bathrooms and build new ones in the fall.

On April 23rd, there is a training for Camp Directors in Pittsfield, which Mr. McGovern plans to attend to review the new regulations. Ms. Smith is trying to arrange for a similar training for Boards of Health on May 7th. Ms. Smith will advise the Board when she has a definite date and time.

In response to a question from Ms. Louise Maron, Ms. Smith advised that the ongoing responsibility of the Board of Health will be to do yearly inspections and issue permits for the opening of camps. In addition, there is now a requirement for camps to have \$50,000 of insurance per camper.

Mr. Andrew Fisher suggested that a formal letter be sent to Mr. Scott Koczela, Environmental Analyst, Massachusetts Board of Health, who performed the initial inspection of Camp Russell, to advise him that the Director is working very hard to address the issues in the report and that the Richmond Board of Health is well pleased with his progress.

Local Non-Smoking Regulations – John Olander, Peter Cohen: Mr. Cohen reported on his meeting with Mr. Peter Beckwith, Highway Superintendent for Richmond, who wanted to speak to the Town Administrator, Mr. Mark Pruhenski, about the signage for the new non-smoking regulations. Mr. Pruhenski was not available at the time.

There was a discussion of the exact wording for the signs, including the suggestion sent to Ms. Maron via email by Mr. Pruhenski. Mr. Pruhenski's suggestion for the sign included the phrase "fines up to \$300 per violation." Ms. Maron had serious objections to the inclusion of that phrase. The discussion resulted in the consensus that the sign for the town beach will read,

"Richmond Town Beach

No Smoking

Fines May be Applied

Per Order of the Richmond Board of Health"

A second discussion was conducted concerning whether marijuana smoking is explicitly or implicitly included in the regulations as written. That question was answered by the State's legal opinion that marijuana is included in all non-smoking regulations, whether it is specifically mentioned or not.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreational Marijuana Workshop – Lenox, MA – 4-24-18: Ms. Maron asked that the flyer for this meeting be posted on the Town Hall bulletin board. Ms. Phyllis LeBeau will post it.

MAHB BOH Western Mass. Certificate Program – 4-7-18: There was no interest.

New Camp Regulations Training for Camp Directors– 4-23-18: Ms. Jayne Smith had covered this item earlier.

Unexpected Topics: Mr. Tony Segal reminded the Board that at the last meeting, Mr. Peter Cohen had asked that the Board discuss the issue of short-term rentals. Ms. Maron distributed copies of the discussion held by the Planning Board at their last meeting, which indicated that this is not a Board of Health issue. It is a Zoning and taxation issue. Mr. Segal noted that he felt that the Board of Health need not have a position on the issue. Mr. Peter Cohen pointed out that the exception to that would be if the rental property included a pool. The Board of Health would have inspection responsibilities for those pools as they come under the definition of "semi-public pools."

Mr. Segal noted that there is a Town Meeting on short-term rentals on April 17th. Mr. Segal said he would probably attend that meeting and advise that the only Board of Health issue on the subject is inspection of any semi-public pools associated with short-term rentals.

Emergency Dispensing Site Review: Ms. Maron read a note from Ms. Emily Jarrett, Director of Community Health Association, who was unable to attend the meeting today. Ms. Jarrett said that she had gone to the emergency dispensing site review in Pittsfield and will brief the Board members at the May meeting. The note went on to advise that, in the event of an emergency, Lenox, Richmond, Lee and Pittsfield all fall under the Pittsfield Regional Umbrella. Hancock, New Ashford, and Lanesboro will go to Williamstown. Ms. Jarrett has site maps which she will review with the Board at the May meeting.

Reminder of the Spring Dinner:

Agent's Report and Mail: (See attached) Mr. John Olander, the Board of Health Agent, reviewed and commented on his work during the past month as noted in his report. He also advised the Board of the mail he received during that time.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

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