

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 – 6:00 PM – Richmond Town Hall, 1529 State Road

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

GUEST: Mr. Kais Abderrahim, Superintendent of Camp Russell; Mr. Joseph McGovern, CEO of Camp Russell; Ms. Jayne Smith, Berkshire Public Health Alliance Agent

Ms. Maron called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced that the business of the Board would begin with the Camp Russell Action Plan. Ms. Maron invited Mr. Joseph McGovern, CEO of Camp Russell, to advise the Board of the status of the Camp's program to make the corrections necessary to bring the Camp into compliance. Mr. McGovern advised that the camp is ahead of their initial schedule; that all the required paperwork has been created and, despite a late start due to weather conditions, they are also ahead of schedule on the physical changes being done. They expect to have all work completed ahead of their opening date of June 25th.

Mr. Peter Cohen asked about the theft of their copper piping over the winter. Mr. McGovern explained the situation with the bathrooms, noting that, although they were deemed safe, they had not been renovated or had fixtures replaced in many years. The camp's expenditure plan for next year (2019) had been to tear down the existing bathrooms and build new ones. When the copper pipes were stolen, and the bathrooms vandalized, rather than fix the existing bathroom and then tear it down next year and rebuild, they hired an engineering firm to create plans to rebuild the bathrooms. Those plans will go out to bid. The intent is to have the existing building demolished and a new one up and ready for use by June 14th.

Mr. Cohen relayed to Mr. McGovern some questions from the Richmond Fire Chief concerning inspection stickers for the emergency lights in the building; the Exit signs, the Cafeteria and the Rec Hall. Mr. Cohen provided contact information for Chief Traver to Ms. Smith so that she could have him accompany her on her final inspection of the camp.

Ms. Smith asked if the camp was able to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy from the Building Inspector. Mr. McGovern replied that it has not happened yet, but the camp is working with him to accomplish that.

Mr. McGovern said that he and Ms. Smith had set a date for the final inspection of June 14th at 10:00 AM, which will give the camp some leeway to make any remaining changes before they open on June 25th. Ms. Smith will check with Mr. John Olander as to his availability.

Mr. Smith also offered to help the camp obtain a permit for the pool. Mr. Kais Abderrahim, Superintendent of Camp Russell, noted that there has always been a water gun as part of the original pool's construction. The State has expressed an interest in removing it, but Mr.

Abderrahim is concerned that the removal will create a much greater hazard. Ms. Smith will speak to the State Inspection Representative and see what she can work out.

A conversation ensued in which the Board members expressed their congratulations to the camp with the work that has done and the timeliness of their efforts. The Board also were very glad to know that the camp, which they consider to be a great asset to the community, will continue to function. Mr. McGovern thanked the Board for their help in getting the work done and in providing the opportunity for them to work with Ms. Jayne Smith, who was instrumental in making the process clear and keeping it on time.

Further discussion went over some details of the corrections made:

Medical logs will be in place. Campers will not be accepted without complete medical files.

Children with food allergies are seated at a separate table so there is no confusion.

Parents receive a copy of the Parents Handbook at the time they register their child on-line.

Vaccinations – campers can be opted out of vaccination with a statement from their parent and their physician that the child is healthy enough to attend camp. In case of an outbreak, such children can be excluded from attendance.

Weapons – A list of what constitutes a weapon exists. The camp has always had an archery program, which is under question now. A separate permit is now required to have archery available.

Swimming test – campers must pass a swimming test before being allowed to dive off the dock. Ms. Smith will review the swim test.

Counselor staff tend to be young adults of 18 years and older, generally college students home for the summer and some teachers.

Ticks – Camp will have Orkin spray for ticks. Keeping the lawn mowed is also helpful and Ms. Smith will provide new posters to parents on how to check for ticks.

Camp is a totally smoke-free campus and is heavily utilized by Richmond residents in the evenings for walking dogs, fishing, etc. The camp is also beginning to reach out to the public to offer the grounds for uses such as weddings.

Ms. Jayne Smith reported that Berkshire Regional Planning Commission has won a grant to help towns standardize their permitting processes. Money is now available that would pay for that project. In addition, it is possible that restaurant permitting processes may, in future, be done on line. She noted that Richmond has 12 food establishments and it is likely there will be more in the future. She asked about the School for Special Needs Children on Cemetery Road and a place on Swamp Road that treats people with head injuries, which is believed to be part of BCAC. The Special Needs Children's school on Cemetery Road brings food in for their people,

they do not prepare food on the premises. Ms. Smith also noted that she had attempted to get into the Richmond Congregational Church to inspect their kitchen, with no luck. She was advised that on Thursday mornings there is a coffee hour and the downstairs area where the kitchen is located is open.

Mr. Peter Cohen - Presentation on No Smoking Signs: Mr. Cohen and Mr. John Olander went to the Richmond Pond beach and boat ramp to determine where signs would be needed, what size signs would be most effective and the best wording for them. He provided photographs of the areas in question and some samples of the sizes of signs that are available. Mr. Cohen's suggestions were approved by the Board.

Other locations where No Smoking signs would be appropriate were noted as Town Hall, The Town Library, The Firehouse, The Town Garage, the Cemeteries and the Tennis Courts. In addition, the two churches in town will be offered signs if they wish to post them. A sufficient number of signs will be ordered.

Approval of Minutes of the April 2018 Meeting: There being no questions or comments on the minutes, Mr. Tony Segal moved that they be accepted as read. He was seconded by Mr. Andy Fisher and the motion was accepted unanimously.

Updates from the Chair:

CHA Sponsored Dinner and Free Workshop: "Protect Yourself from Medicare Fraud:" June 6th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Richmond Congregational Church.

DEP Training on May 2nd at Pittsfield City Hall – 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon: Mr. John Olander has plans to attend.

BOAP-Opioid Epidemic Forum on April 26th: No one attended.

Short-Term Renal Zoning Hearing: Mr. Tony Segal attended the hearing. A discussion of the various aspects of the complaint about the property on View Drive clarified the status of that complaint and what the next steps for the abutters will need to be in attempting to deal with it.

Agent's Report and Mail: (See Attached) Mr. Olander went over the items in his report.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Andy Fisher moved to adjourn. Mr. Peter Cohen seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.