

Board of Health Meeting

Board Members in Office

July 24, 2023

Present in Office: Mark MacDonald, Chairman; Paul Armstrong, Vice Chair; Tyler Nims, Clerk; Gary Russell, Director; Kathleen Duddy, Administrative Assistant; Joe Pecevich, public

Board of Health Meeting opened at 6:08 p.m.

Waste Water Treatment Plant / Septic Haulers. The Board discussed how the Health Department works with the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This discussion was generated because of increased waste water being pumped from Roche Brothers Supermarket by Avon Pumping Company. Avon has a permit to dump at the plant but did not have a permit from the BOH that has been corrected. Gary explained that the septic design is a pressure dose system and a drive by the site found fill dumped over a corner of the leaching area that probably broke out onto the surface. Between the fill and pumping, that issue is under control. Roche Brothers is in the process of repairing the septic system.

Nitrogen Loading Limitations – New Title 5. Gary told the Board about the new Title 5 that was revised 07/07/2023. The major changes are sections 15.214 and 15.215 for “Designation of Nitrogen Sensitive Areas” and “Nitrogen Loading Limitations”. DEP added a section called “Natural Resource Areas”. At this moment, it is for an area on the Cape but the wording leaves one with the feeling that DEP can add to the area.

Food Handler Permits. Kathy explained to the Board that food handlers are not turning their paperwork in in a timely fashion. Kathy and Amanda are spending a great deal of time chasing people for the paperwork. Mark and the Board members agreed that if paperwork is not in on time the food establishment is to be closed. Mark will make a few phone calls to the food establishments to get the paperwork into the office. The discussion talked about doubling the fee and suspending the license. There was a short talk about Boofa’s opening and that at the moment they do not use a stove. ALSCO had performed an inspection and found things in order. There was a discussion regarding Casba. This is both a residential kitchen and a commercial kitchen. The problem is that the commercial kitchen at the Masons, that they were permitted was not being used and ALSCO inspected Casba in a church kitchen. Church kitchens are NOT permitted to be used as commercial kitchens. The Board motioned to deny issuing a permit to renew Casba’s license. Kathy was directed to return their check.

There was a general discussion regarding Surf Avenue and the construction being performed for drainage, water, etc. There is no idea as to when the road will be repaved.

Housing Inspections. Mark had been contacted about a problem with bedbugs at an apartment house on Ocean Street. The laundromat refused to handle the tenant’s bedding. Gary had called the owner a number of times but the phone did not have an answering machine to leave a message. The discussion was to be able to get access to the building in order to perform an inspection. Gary will continue to call and directed to send registered mail to the owner for access.

Mark had observed a dumpster on Liberty Road that was overflowing. Gary said he would check on it.

Tyler W Nims, Clerk

Mark asked about restaurants giving the BOH "rodent control" reports and thought it was done once upon a time. Gary said he would check with the past BOH Director but at this time we will follow up if there is a complaint or during an inspection, droppings are observed. That will trigger the need for rodent control. Kathy told the Board of a complaint regarding rats at 8 Knox Street. The house we recently declared uninhabitable. Animal control was asked to take a look but did not see rats or a food supply. They said it was possible that because the house was empty, rodents may be using it for shelter.

Mark asked Joe Pecevich about housing for Section 8's and the use of vouchers. The BOH does an inspection of an apartment before anyone enters to check that everything is operating properly and we provide a letter stating so. After that we inspect only for a complaint. Joe asked if the Quincy Housing Authority does routine inspections. The BOH does not know.

7:35pm; Motion to adjourn and seconded.