

TOWN OF SHELBURNE  
Minutes of Meeting  
Board of Health  
Tuesday, June 17, 2014

A duly posted meeting of the Shelburne Board of Health was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

**Present:** Deb Coutinho

Rob Hicks

**Administrative Assistant:** Liz Kidder

**Absent:** Bob Gonzalez, Chair

**Audience:** Sherry and Chip Hagar,

**Press:** none present

**The meeting was called to order** at 6:02 PM by Deb Coutinho in the absence of Bob Gonzalez. Bob called during the meeting to explain he was delayed at work and would not be able to attend the meeting.

**Motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2014** as written was made by Rob and seconded by Deb.

Vote: 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

**Poll of audience:** none presented

**Appointments:** none scheduled

**Special Permit Application Review** – Proposed AT&T cell tower at 69 Colrain Shelburne Rd.

Liz handed out a copy of the Planning Board's comments and the letter from Mass Historic Commission relative to this proposed cell tower. The Board noted they had received an email from Jonathan Mirin regarding the health impacts of Radio Frequency waves.

Liz noted that in the cell tower application, there is an excerpt from the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 which states: "Under this provision, local governments may not 'unreasonably discriminate among providers of functionally equivalent services' .....take actions that 'prohibit or have the effects of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless services,' .... Or limit the placement of wireless facilities 'on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions.'"

Based upon a review of the language in the above act, the Board felt they would not have a lot to contribute at the public hearing that night. Deb is going to attend the hearing in hopes of getting additional information. The Board does not feel that they have enough information to make any comments. Deb will attend the hearing and will respond to any questions as appropriate. Deb had spoken to Jonathan Mirin and he had been informed that there was a meeting tonight. The Board decided not to prepare any formal written response at this time.

**Review of phone messages, mail and emails-** see attached list of information reviewed by the board.

Deb reviewed the file of mail as listed below with Rob.

Deb reviewed mail on rooms and B&B's listed on AirBnB. Noting that the apartments come under the regular standards of Human Habitation, and that the lodging and B&B's need local business permits.

Deb has arranged with Joe Judd to serve as the Town's burial agent. Liz and Deb will fill out the form appointing a burial agent on Monday.

**Cooperative Public Health Service Program** update – Deb stated there was nothing to report.

**Planning Board** updates: The Planning Board will be working on a large-scale ground-mounted solar energy facility bylaw, updating of Shelburne's Subdivision Regulations, finishing the revision of the sign regulations, and revising the cluster bylaw to expand it to a natural resource/open space zoning option.

#### **MAPHCO**

**Mini-Grant Program FY 2014** – Shelburne has ordered more cots and flu clinic supplies as the agent for the Mohawk EDS. Deb reported we submitted our paperwork for reimbursement well under the deadline for the grant.

**Emergency Management Committee** update – it has not met recently but Deb had talked with Chris Meyer about a meeting. Deb reported that we will be able to store extra emergency supplies at Cowell Gym. For now Deb is able to store some of the supplies at the Buckland Police Station

**Inspections** – Deb reported that there have been a number of Title 5's, some of which had failed. Deb had also tracked down Kathy Bridges for a necessary plan for one resident. Deb and Bob have both been out in the field overseeing inspections and perc tests. Deb had a call from Robert Warren seeking information on the Rainville property; Deb had provided any records available in the BOH files on that property. Deb and Rob had done the inspection of Hearty Eats so that they could open for Riverfest. Deb has held discussions with Charlie Kinecki, the regional Health Officer, about the issue of condemnation of a residence. She is going to be inspecting Camp Apex on Monday and conducting a Title 5 on Skinner Rd.

Liz passed out her spreadsheet on inspections and permits that have been done so far this year.

**Permit requests:** none presented.

**DPH reports:** they are looking to hire nurses for the public health programs in Holyoke and another town.

**DEP reports:** none this month

**Invoices** - none this month

**Trainings & Certifications** – there were no training courses attended since the last meeting.

**Other Business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours prior to the meeting** – Chip Hagar asked what permits would be needed if they were to start making cider or wine to sell at their farm stand. Rob said he would check into it and get back to Chip.

Sherry Hagar reported that her school PTA was able to get tick removers and information pamphlets which were sent home to every family.

**Schedule next meeting** – Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

**Motion to adjourn was made by Rob and seconded by Deb.**

Vote: 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The meeting was adjourned 6:43pm

Respectfully submitted by

Liz Kidder Administrative Assistant

#### **List of documents:**

2014 spreadsheet of inspections conducted and permits issued

Email and attachments of correspondence from Jonathan Mirin relative to Cell Tower proposal for 69 Colrain Shelburne Rd.

Copy of letter to Meghan Bezio from Mass Historic Commission on proposed cell tower

Copy of the letter from the Planning Board's recommendations

Email from Phoebe Walker, FRCOG, relative to suggestions for training workshops for next year

Program form Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition 2014 Annual Meeting held April 15, 2014

Memo from DPH regarding licensing of online home rental services

Letter from Wendell Lyon

Title 5 Inspections Forms for 106 Shelburne Center Rd., and 450 So. Shelburne Rd.

DPH email on "Start of Season Arbovirus" Conference Call on June 9

Certified Mail from national grid regarding the current Vegetation Management Plan

Letter from Keith L. Morris regarding the 2014 Post-Emergent Vegetation Management Plan for Pan Am Railways

Consumer Confidence Report Certification for Shelburne Falls Fire District

Board of Health Burial Agent Designation Form