



Board of Health

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MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

1. **OPEN SESSION 5:00 pm**
Present: Bret Hartley, Jennifer Girard
2. **EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**
 - a. Examination of meeting minutes from January 20, 2021
ON A MOTION by Jennifer Girard, second by Bret Hartley, board voted (2-0-0); to table the approval of the minutes from January 20, 2021 meeting minutes.
 - b. Examination of meeting minutes from February 17, 2021
ON A MOTION by Bret Hartley, second by Jennifer Girard, board voted (2-0-0) to approve of the February 3, 2021 meeting minutes.
3. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Well Permit 2021-317 issued to Kirke Henshaw Inc., for 24 Shepard Road work done
4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:**
 - a. Update on Vaccine Clinic
Senator Hines office reached out to the Board of Health to see what the issue was with the vaccine clinic. It was explained that the board did hours of leg work to get the town approved for a vaccine clinic and following the approval the board of health received a letter from Sudders' Office stating that all vaccine clinics are to be a mass site and we no longer qualified. Senator Hines office checked into this and recommended that the board of health reach out to Jana Ferguson with our complaint.

The State of Mass is providing mobile clinics to help with those who are homebound. According to the information we have, there is only one and they are provided a nurse, therefore, we asked the state to handle the mobile clinics for Blandford. Should the state decide to do everyone, the board would be in a better position to assist.
 - b. Montgomery's Transfer Station

Board Member Jennifer Girard reached out to Montgomery and discussed Blandford's stance on their usage of the transfer station. Montgomery asked what the cost would be if they added the recyclables. Board Member Bret Hartley felt that it would be too much of a cost and would not be a wise choice for either party.

3 Crooks Road

There had been a complaint that the property should be condemned. Board Member spoke to the Building Inspector and reviewed with the board. Board Members agreed that the property does pose a health issue, however, the owners are trying to sell and would not be good to pose a condemned sign on property. The board of health will not condemn the house at this time.

c. BOH Rules, Regulations & By Laws

The board discussed the possibility of making changes to their board. With large amount of responsibility to the state, the pandemic that came to light in 2019, not sure if they should re-organize, add more members, etc. The board feels that there needs to be better communication and more involvement so that the all responsibilities are met according to the state law. Board Member Jennifer Girard reached out to the town council and was recommended that the board reach out to the town administrator and work together to find the best solution for all the needs of the Board of Health are met.

5. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

Drawing for 28 Days of Valentines

The Board of Health wants to congratulate Parker McLaughlin as the winner of the "28 Days of Valentines". Parker and his grandmother, Doris Jemiolo searched the roads of Blandford to discover the hidden message.

Kyle Hughes is looking into a lot on South Street. Mr. Hughes provided the board of health with 3 files. It appears to be a little confusing with the exact location of the lot. We do not want to mislead the potential buyer and would like to have a better clarification as to where the lot is. The paperwork indicates Mr. Foster owns the property and that a perk test was done in 2011. We are not sure that matches with the diagram of what Mr. Hughes wants to purchase. The board will reach out to Mr. Hughes and see if they can meet at the location.

Real Estate agent for 19 Herrick Road is asking if a second bath could be added to the house and that it is the number of bedrooms that would be deciding factor. They have been informed that is correct, we would like to see the plans and they need to see the building inspector.

The Blandford Country Store asked the board if here were any issues or concerns that would prevent them from receiving a building permit. It was asked if they could sign off on the permit if they found no issues. Board Member Bret Hartley said he did not see any reason why they could not sign off. Board Member David Chaffee was not present. Board Member Jennifer Girard recused herself.

An investor has reached out to the board looking for a Title V for the property located at 70 Main Street. This is a bank owned property. We have searched the files and have not found a Title V.

6. MEETING ADJOURNED

ON A MOTION by Bret Hartley, second by Jennifer Girard, board voted unanimously (2-0-0); to adjourn at 6:00 pm

NOTE: Agenda may include items not reasonably expected 48 hours before the meeting. At any point this meeting may go into executive session if the Board of Health finds it warranted.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bret Hartley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

4/7/2021