

**BOARD OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2018**

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hoyt called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Peter Hoyt, Vice-Chairman David Rhoads, Bruce Shepley, Tom Romaniak (Code Enforcement), Pam Gerry (Administrative Assistant)

TOWN CLERK

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MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jack Guerino, (iBerkshires) and William Martischnig

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the December 6 meeting was circulated. B. Shepley moved to accept, D. Rhoads seconded & the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CLOSED CASES: We voted unanimously to close the following cases.

- Curtis Paper Mill (115 Howland Ave.): A court-ordered inspection conducted 21 December 2017 by Town officials revealed that the building was filled with debris, but that unauthorized vehicles had been removed. However, gating & locks have not been effective in deterring access. Importantly, the Town is currently assuming possession of the property, a lengthy process entailing its own obstacles & detriments. Nevertheless, the BOH recognized that it has no authority over the current situation, so we will drop this issue for the time being.
- 25 Pine St.: The remaining issue of unpermitted chickens was resolved by getting rid of the chickens.
- 78 Howland Ave.: Heating problems were caused by a defective heater shut down by the gas company last summer. The landlord had the unit repaired and it is now operating efficiently.
- 12 Spring Street: Bushes growing over sidewalk were trimmed back.
- 4 Columbia St. unit 22: A complaint about heat was unfounded.
- 9 Winter St.: Complaint on the leaking roof is currently being addressed. Insurance money came through, materials were ordered, and work should begin when weather clears.
- 31 Commercial St.: Dog feces on neighbor's property was cleaned up.

CURRENT CASES:

- 29 Orchard St.: T. Romaniak hasn't been able to meet with the individual working on house clean-up & unregistered vehicles. We'll keep this case open until the issues are resolved to our satisfaction.
- Laliberte's truck signage (PJ's Trash & Appliance Removal): Mr. Laliberte's new dump truck was a loaner while his original truck was being repaired. He indicated that signage on the original truck would be upgraded soon. This case will be kept open awaiting further information.
- 9 Marshall Ave.: Construction debris on neighbor's property is now covered with snow. T. Romaniak wants to inspect this situation when snow has melted. This case will be kept open until then.

VIOLATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Town of Adams Emergency Management: B. Shepley is still waiting to hear from AJ of Northern Berkshire REPC as to what information is being requested. Neither he nor D. Rhoads were able to attend the 21 December meeting due to water main issues & travel, respectively.
- Emergency Dispensing Site update & Adams Memorial Middle School report: These 2 issues were combined. Reportedly, the Town's insurance carrier has signed off on use of AMMS. We will confirm this. If so, the building would be available as an EDS (as well as other events). We were not sure how EDS use would be initiated. The question of AMMS as an emergency shelter was raised. Again, we were

unsure as to what emergency supplies were available at AMMS nor whether certification was necessary for this use. B. Shepley & D. Rhoads would investigate the open questions for our next meeting.

- BOH role in Town Emergency Management plan: This was not discussed because there were updates.
- Transfer Station yard waste stream: We have received no responses to our request that Adams DPW cease burning brush from the Transfer Station, but we are unaware of any further burning. Given that the pertinent issues are the purview of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, we agreed to refer this issue to them. D. Rhoads will call for a meeting of SWAC.
- Dementia Friendly Workshops: B. Shepley will meet with Erica Girgenti to plan potential February dates for Allison Egan of BRPC to present. This time-frame will allow for announcement of the workshop in the January COA newsletter. Allison will tailor her presentation to the audience attracted.
- Tick testing: Reportedly, UMass-Amherst has charged fees ranging from \$30 to \$100 for tick testing. It was suggested that one call them before submitting a sample. The MassDPH does not conduct tick-testing, given the potential unreliability of results. However, they do list testing facilities on their website. B. Shepley noted the availability of tick identification cards. He will obtain a set of these for distribution in the Town.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Berkshire County Boards of Health Association: We discussed some topics from the December meeting: (1) Carbon footprint of septic vs. sewage systems as a potential topic for the next semi-annual dinner; (2) Progress of the Standards Committee on developing basic training & certifications for health board members & health inspectors (currently none); and (3) upcoming FRCOG workshops (see below).

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Influenza webinar: This was postponed & replaced with a MEMA update on the pending snowstorm.
- P. Hoyt: Police Chief Tarsa indicated that he was suggesting that the BOH take responsibility for hosting the 24Trauma workshop on trauma & crime-scene protocols. We decided to decline, given that the topic was beyond our scope as BOH members. However, we did share an interest in learning as individuals.
- FRCOG preparedness series: D. Rhoads described a 4-workshop series presented by the Franklin Regional Council of Government (in an email received after the 1st session). He has signed up for 2 of them (1/11, paperwork; 3/1 table exercise) & will circulate the email to the Board.

REVIEW MAIL:


- A few non-urgent items arrived. Board members will review

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

ADJOURN: D. Rhoads moved to adjourn, seconded by B. Shepley & passed unanimously at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date 2/14/18



Bruce Dale Shepley
