

**BOARD OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2018**

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Gerry (Administrative Assistant)

OTHERS PRESENT: William Martischnjg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the March 7 meeting were 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.

- 8-10 Depot St.: Brown roof tarp flapping in wind. The ragged tarp has been replaced.
- 72 Friend St.: Trash buildup behind property. After being fined, the owner removed almost all the trash.
- 155 Columbia St.: Dollar General Store was reported using plastic bags (2nd report, see violation below).
- 115 Summer St.: Large pile of trash bags behind property. After 2 requests by T. Romaniak went unheeded, he issued a \$50 fine. The trash was subsequently removed.

CURRENT CASES: The following cases were discussed, but we agreed to keep them open until resolution.

- 9 Marshall Ave.: Construction debris on neighbors' property. The neighbor has promised to remove it, but weather has delayed resolution & confirmation.
- 9 Smith St.: Trash in back yard. As above, weather has delayed resolution & confirmation.

VIOLATIONS: Dollar General was fined \$50 (1st offense using plastic bags).

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tri-Town's Tobacco Grant: Jim Wilusz told P. Hoyt that he has received informal word that the grant was approved. J. Wilusz will prepare a public announcement once the award is finalized.
- Dementia Friendly Workshop: Scheduling is in progress between Allison Egan & Erica Girgenti. We will help to promote this event once it's scheduled.
- Sunglasses & tick awareness: T. Romaniak has purchased another batch of children's sunglasses for the upcoming outdoor season. B. Shepley has "Tick Awareness" posters & Tick ID cards obtained from Mass DPH. He has posted several posters already & plans to distribute the cards to the public (e.g. Town Hall, Visitors' Center). He will also order more of both to expand awareness in Town. T. Romaniak emphasized the ambiguity in testing results. We agreed that "Cuff & Confirm" was very useful advice.

NEW BUSINESS: [2nd entry was unforeseen]

- 155 Howland Ave/MacDonald public hearing (scheduled 4/5, 6 P.M. with Zoning Board of Appeals). The appellant is claiming that citations, including failure to obtain a BOH hauling permit, are not warranted. It was noted that all the necessary paperwork may not have been filed, so the issue may be continued. BOH members will attend as available.
- 103 Friend St: The BOH has scheduled a meeting at 4:00 P.M. on April 10th to hear an appeal of the complaint regarding trash around the property (meeting was scheduled only this morning). T. Romaniak distributed 10 pictures showing the extent of the trash. D. Rhoads will not be able to attend this meeting.

LOCAL & COUNTY UPDATES:

- BCBOHA meeting 3/21: B. Shepley & D. Rhoads attended. We were briefed on the annual requirement for Commonwealth BOH concurrence on the funds distribution formula used for the CDC Public Health Emergency Planning grant (supports training, drills, education, etc.). We voted unanimously to concur on behalf of BCBOHA member municipalities. Workforce requirements are still under revision. The Annual Dinner is scheduled for 4/26; B. Shepley has registered P. Hoyt, D. Rhoads & himself for the event.
- Western Mass Public Health Association (WMPHA): B. Shepley has decided not to serve on their executive committee. Group members largely serve as public health providers & educators in the Franklin & Hampshire County region. The "executive committee" meeting is essentially an event for networking & information exchange, most of which is available to us through other organizations. As such, B. Shepley felt that the interests of Adams would be better served through other efforts.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Mass Recycling Center workshop & trade show (4/5): B. Shepley & T. Romaniak will attend tomorrow.
- BPHA meeting 4/5 (tomorrow): D. Rhoads will attend as the Adams representative.
- Mass Association of Health Boards certificate program for BOHs in Northampton, 4/7: B. Shepley will attend & update us.
- Western Mass HMCC newsletter of 3/22: There were announcements for local training sessions in ICS & EOC in May. D. Rhoads will circulate the newsletter so that members can sign up if desired.
- North Adams Emergency Dispensing Site exercise: B. Shepley attended the 3/29 organizational meeting. The exercise is planned for Thursday morning, 6/21, location to be arranged. He will keep us updated.
- "Until Help Arrives" workshop, Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield, 3/31: B. Shepley attended the 3-h workshop offered by the Berkshire County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and BMC Emergency Management for volunteers responding to a crisis. He indicated that it was a useful course for those with little or no prior emergency response experience.
- New Camp Regulations: B. Shepley will attend the training session 4/23 offered by BPRC on the new camp regulations.
- BOH budget for Fiscal Year 2019. P. Hoyt has received a draft budget for the Health Department. We had a brief discussion on the general changes for next year. He will obtain an updated version for fuller discussion at our next meeting.
- Age Friendly Berkshires is holding an organizational meeting 4/17 at the Berkshire Hills Country Club.

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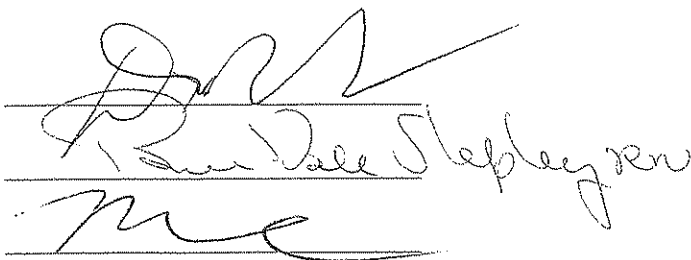
- A0545 Adams Landfill - Post-closure compliance report (note concerns): We acknowledged receipt of the report. The concerns (e.g. perimeter brush overgrowth, unseeded areas) are under DPW purview. B. Shepley & D. Rhoads will follow up through the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, as appropriate.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting was scheduled for May 9, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. (after the May 7th Town election).

ADJOURNMENT: B. Shepley moved to adjourn, seconded by D. Rhoads & passed unanimously at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date 6/13/2018


B. Shepley