

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
MAY 9, 2018**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Hoyt called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Peter Hoyt, Vice-Chairman David Rhoads, Bruce Shepley, Pam Gerry  
(Administrative Assistant)

TOWN CLERK  
ADAMS MASS.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Romaniak (Code Enforcement)

CLERK

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** [Item inserted due to Monday's Town election.] We congratulated B. Shepley on re-election to the Board. For the upcoming year, D. Rhoads was elected as Chair & B. Shepley was elected as Vice-Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the April 10 Special Hearing meeting was circulated & inadvertently approved as minutes of the April 4 regular meeting. As this error was discovered after adjournment, we agreed that both minutes will be reviewed for approval at next month's regular meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Martischnig requested that his daughter, who lives at 38 Commercial St., be given permission to park a car at one of the adjacent properties, both owned by the Town (36 & 40 Commercial St.). He explained that his daughter has been maintaining both properties. B. Shepley judged that this was not a BOH issue & referred Mr. Martischnig to the Town Administrator, Town Accountant or the Board of Selectman.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**CURRENT CASES:** In the absence of T. Romaniak, we agreed to table these cases until next month's meeting.

- 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.

**NEW CASES:** As above, these cases were tabled until next month.

- 20 First St.: Problem with electrical services
- 3-5 Mill St.: Conditions within dwelling unit
- 76 Howland Ave.: Trash issues

**VIOLATION:** 3-5 Mill St. (details next month when T. Romaniak returns).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Tick awareness: B. Shepley & T. Romaniak will continue to distribute posters & tick ID cards.
- Report from 155 Howland / MacDonald ZBA Public Hearing (4/10): B. Shepley attended the hearing & determined that the BOH does not need to take any action at this time. ZBA has taken responsibility. Until back taxes are paid, the property may not be used for anything.
- Report from 103 Summer St. appeal BOH Hearing (4/10): Mr. Daunais requested an extension for removal of unsightly items from his yard. P. Hoyt said that Mr. Daunais had obtained a roll-off. T. Romaniak is scheduled to visit the property tomorrow (May 10).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Proposed FY19 BOH budget: P. Hoyt circulated the proposal, stating that the funding is slightly reduced for next year with a few adjustments to category allocations to account for anticipated needs. Full details will be available in the Finance Committee Report for next month's Annual Town Meeting.
- Blight strategies: We agreed that the Town was adequately addressing abandoned building security, and

that recent commercial solicitations were not worth pursuing at this time.

- BOH registry of unoccupied properties: B. Shepley & P. Gerry apprised us of the registry. Most unoccupied properties are foreclosures owned by the original lenders. Annual registration along with a \$100 fee is required annually. The binder of registrations is kept in the BOH office. D. Rhoads noted that purchase of & occupancy of said properties would benefit the community & offered to inquire how their availability might be publicized. B. Shepley suggested Community Development as a good starting place.
- Pan Am herbicide application on railroad right-of-way: The BOH received notice from Pan Am that they would be applying herbicide along the rail tracks this summer (sometime from May through August). Pan Am performs this process every year or so to maintain clearance & is required to inform the Town beforehand. B. Shepley noted that the letter indicated calendar year 2017. P. Gerry contacted Pan Am, who provided a revised notice with 2018 as the appropriate year.
- Narcan Training: Tapestry is offering Narcan training May 21 at the Adams library. We were all encouraged to attend. Participants would be given free Narcan kits.
- Tri-Town Tobacco Awareness Program (unforeseen new business): P. Hoyt received an email today from Jim Wilusz indicating that, for eligibility in this program, the Town needs to require permits from all tobacco sales outlets (Adams already does) & to inform all outlets of our participation in TAP with a form letter (P. Gerry will send out the provided letter at her earliest convenience). P. Hoyt will let Mr. Wilusz know when we have fulfilled the 2<sup>nd</sup> criterion. [The BOH can provide the TAP letter on request.]

#### LOCAL & COUNTY UPDATES:

- Mass Recycling Center workshop (4/5): B. Shepley attended (along with T. Romaniak & Linda Cernik). The workshop was very informative, focusing on solid waste management with an emphasis on promoting recycling. D. Rhoads will attend the next workshop on 6/21, which will provide an update on the state's "Solid Waste Master Plan."
- Berkshire Public Health Alliance (4/5): D. Rhoads, the Adams rep, attended. Most of the relevant discussion revolved around the ongoing updating of state regulations (e.g., camps, food inspections, etc.) & the development of certification criteria for municipal public health practitioners. It was recommended that all BOH members take the "Fundamentals" course.
- Age Friendly Berkshires (4/17): No one was able to attend this organizational meeting.
- BCBOHA Dinner recap (4/26): Attendance was low (not unusual for spring). Dennis Hallahan gave a very thought-provoking talk on the environmental impacts of septic vs. sewage treatment systems.

#### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- B. Shepley attended the BPRC workshop on the new camp regulations (4/23; see BPHA entry above). The session was not currently applicable to Adams but was useful to B. Shepley, who serves periodically as a camp nurse. However, he learned that any program calling itself a "camp," no matter how short (e.g., summer soccer camp, vacation math camp, etc.) is required to register & follow the regulations.
- EDS drill (6/21): B. Shepley continues his involvement with this Regional Emergency Planning event.

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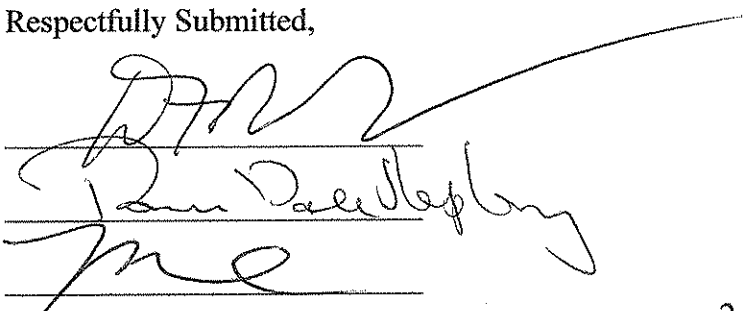
- The only mail of note was from Pan Am, as noted above.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next regular monthly meeting was scheduled for June 13, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was passed unanimously at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date 6/13/

  
B. Shepley