

**BOARD OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

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

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

TOWN CLERK
ADAMS MASS.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Romaniak (Code Enforcement)

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OTHERS PRESENT: Jack Guerino, (iBerkshires); Pamela & William Martischnig, Kevin Towle (Executive Assistant to the TA)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the January 2 meeting were approved unanimously as written.

CLOSED CASES: Romaniak, anticipating his absence, provided Gerry with the disposition of the cases before us, which she read. We voted unanimously to close the following cases. Afterward, Gerry commended Romaniak for his facility in resolving cases & his openness that encourages residents to lodge complaints. The board heartily seconded Gerry's assessment.

- 14B Richmond Lane: Issues between tenant & landlords. Issues were corrected.
- 43 Elm St.: No heat. Issue was corrected.
- 11A Weber St.: Tub & shower; leaking drain. Issue was corrected.
- 76 Friend St.: Trash build up on property, wood, nails. Issues were corrected.
- 32 Greylock Ave.: Trash build up. Issue was corrected.
- 40 E. Jordan St.: Tenant using stove to heat apt. (AFD). Complaint was unfounded.
- 25-27 Pine St.: Garbage in yard. Issue was corrected.
- Burt/Pine St.: Debris being dumped in flood chute. A site visit revealed that the complaint was unfounded.
- 82 Howland Ave.: Garbage overflowing on property. Issue was corrected.
- Big Y: Mold suspected in soup container. In examining the suspect container with Manager David Smith, Romaniak found no mold. The complaint was thus pronounced unfounded.
- 11 Winter St.: 2nd floor 40-50°F, holes in back steps, plumbing issues, unsealed windows. All corrected.
- 22 Prospect St.: Garbage piling up at apartment building. Issue was corrected.

OPEN CASES: Romaniak recommended keeping the following cases open, which he will continue to monitor.

- 12 Crandall St.: Repair status (water leak, mold, unsecured fan) – in court.
- 12 Valley Street (Roof leaks, plumbing issues) – in process, on-&-off problem.
- 24 West St.: High electric bill, unsanitary bathroom floor – still under investigation.

VIOLATIONS: No violations were reported.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Follow-up on waste hauler questions: Legal status of scrappers, cost of providing recycling bins, fees for rented dumpsters (joint effort). Rhoads could only provide a draft letter for haulers to provide their clients regarding our recently adopted regulations. Several questions occurred regarding classification of waste materials & how to disseminate relevant information both to hauler clients & town residents in general on disposal of banned and/of hazardous waste. Mr. Towle circulated several flyers from DEP, Linda Cernik (Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District Director) & one he created as possible informational materials. An important point is that all town residents are eligible to utilize the NBSWMD's collections for bulky & hazardous waste, regardless of whether they have an Adams Transfer Station permit. Rhoads will meet with Linda Cernik to develop a uniform set of guidelines that could be distributed throughout the town, with the goal of enhancing recycling & appropriate disposal of other waste. He will revise the hauler letter & associated resources accordingly. One additional note: we acknowledged that haulers may pass along the cost of a recycling bin to their clients & that clients are

- Municipal Recycling Coordinators workshop: MassDEP recycling grants (1/31/19): Only Romaniak was able to attend. He conveyed to Rhoads earlier that the workshop was informative but that Linda Cernik (NBSWMD) was on top of the recycling grants.
- Narcan replacements: Rhoads noted that ours will not expire until October **2019**.
- LPHI Risk Communication Workshop (Rhoads, 2/6): Rhoads reported that the meeting was very helpful in how to craft public messages during a disaster/emergency. However, he noted that our unique situation here (little access to local broadcast media) makes disseminating important messages challenging. Nevertheless, the lessons will be applicable to the BOH responsibilities in town emergencies.
- Food Training, MHOA (new state code): Romaniak to attend the Pittsfield session on 2/28.
- TAP update: Jim Wilusz (email 1/24) emphasized the town's restriction on flavored tobacco products.
- UMass Health Policy will present "Addressing the Opioid Crisis in Small & Rural Communities in Western MA" 4/11 at the Campus Center (info to be circulated).
- Del Valle Institute will present a workshop on infectious diseases 5/29 in Lenox (info to be circulated).

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: No items were offered.

REVIEW MAIL: The following mail was noted in the Agenda. Two items were discussed: (1) Transfer Station inspection (Mr. Towle reported that the detector battery was replaced & that he would investigate the fire extinguisher status) and (2) The aspect of the Tobacco Law amendment applicable to Adams dealt with retailer signage (Rhoads will clarify what signs are needed).

- AFD Correspondence (chlorination deadline back to April 10, 2019; left off last month)
- MassDEP inspection of Adams Transfer Station (CH₄ detector, fire extinguisher capacity)
- WERO: SMI 12/24/18 release of sodium silicate solution [(Na₂O)_x.SiO₂; strongly alkaline]; email 1/7/19 (1-20744-Adams-NOR); impact & response efforts should be forthcoming
- WERO: Atlantis Corp 1/10/19 release of hydraulic fluid on Columbia St. (1-20752-Adams-NOR)
- New Massachusetts tobacco regulations (letter sent to retailers)
- Specialty Minerals, 3rd party inspection report (email 1/29/19): Environmental Partners, in their quarterly inspection of SMI landfills, determined that all requirements under applicable MA code were being met.
- MA Tobacco Law amendments (email from Jayne Smith)

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for March 6, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

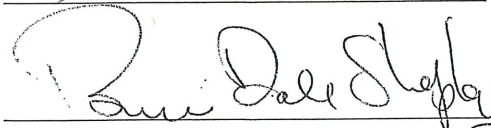
ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was passed unanimously at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

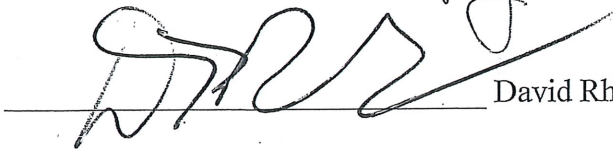
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