



TOWN OF DIGHTON

BOARD OF HEALTH Meeting Minutes

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Members Present:

Thomas Pires
Kevin Bernardo
Matthew Tanis

Call to Order: Regular meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairman Thomas Pires.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

New Business:

Review/Discuss/Act: Bristol County Agricultural High School Construction Project.

Robert Williams, Architect for the Bristol Aggie Campos expansion explained the proposed project to the Board of Health including both new construction and renovations.

Review/Discuss/Act: Borges Bros. Trucking Inc. Recycling Price increase.

Peter Borges, owner of Borges Trucking explained New Bedford Waste is increasing their tipping fee from \$40 to \$117 per ton. He has been trying to find an alternative recycling facility that would consider accepting our recycling but every town is doing the same thing now that China is no longer accepting it.

Discussion: increasing the Board of Health budget, look in to alternative options for the towns recycling, and create a program to educate residents on recycling and how to ensure there are no contaminants like disposable plastic bags, in their recycling.

Review/Discuss/Act: 3027 Elm Street

The property failed a Title V inspection 2 years ago and there is no record of repair to the system.

Discussion: The board discussed the septic betterment program with the owners and explained the system would need to be inspected monthly, and pumped if needed per the Health Agent. until the repair is completed. Health Agent, Todd Pilling will inspect the cesspool prior to the system being pumped to ensure necessity of pumping.

Motion Matthew Tanis seconded, Kevin Bernardo and VOTED to have the homeowner continue pumping the system, and call the Board of Health prior to pumping to set up an inspection to decide if pumping is necessary and also start the betterment program or any

program they choose to help with funding the repair of the septic system and come back to the board in (2) months to discuss the status of the repair.

Vote: Unanimous to Approve

Review / Discuss / Act: Dighton Holiday Committee Food Permit Fee Waiver

Motion Matthew Tanis seconded Kevin Bernardo and VOTED to waive the food permit fee for the lights on ceremony.

Vote: Unanimous to Approve

Review / Discuss / Act: Building Code Title V Requirements

Previously building commissioner James Aguiar, reviewed Title V inspections, before building permits for additions were issued. Now that there is a Board of Health, the commissioner wants to speak with one voice. Title V reports must be submitted to the board of health before they will sign off on the building permit.

Review / Discuss / Act: Extension of Time for Disposal Works Permit Applications

Discussion: Disposal Works Permits once approved are good for (3) years. An extension of time may be requested from the Board of Health. A fee of \$75 was suggested.

Old Business:

Review / Discuss / Act: 3rd and final reading of the Title V Review fee.

The fee schedule was read by Tom Pires.

Review / Discuss / Act: Waste Zero Proposal

Discussion: waiting until spring to see where the Town is at with recycling rates

It was motioned by Matthew Tanis seconded by Kevin Bernardo and VOTED to Table the Waste Zero proposal until the recycling rate and the quality of the bags can be verified

Vote: Unanimous to Approve

Inspector Reports:

Stacy Ferry reported there have been (2) dog bites in the last few weeks. She would like to board to revisit discussing a leash law.

Todd Pilling Health agent all is well.

Tom Pires Transfer Station Stickers for FY 18 are now available

Public Input: No one present from the public.

Adjournment:

It was motioned by Matthew Tanis and seconded by Kevin Bernardo to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM

Vote: UNANIMOUS to Approve

