



*Board of Health
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*Wednesday February 11, 2014
6:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes*

Call to Order:

Chairman Thomas Pires called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Present:

Thomas Pires, Dean Cronin and Patrick Menges.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all.

Approve Minutes:

Motion Patrick Menges seconded, Dean Cronin to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 28, 2015 as prepared by the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health.

All in Favor

Aye

Dean Cronin read correspondence from Mass Emergency Management Agency regarding Upcoming Winter Storms.

Chairman Pires reminded everyone to bring their animals inside due to the severely cold weather and to be please be patient, cautious and courteous.

Dean Cronin read the announcements:

Selectmen Patrick Menges stated that in the announcements it was not mentioned that nomination papers need to be filed in the Clerk's Office before 5 PM February 23, 2015.

Thomas Pires: Stated that a rabies clinic has been tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2015 and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

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Old Business:

None

New Business:

1209 Somerset Avenue: Plumbing Code Waiver Request

Thomas Pires: read the waiver request from Dr. Allyce Sullivan DMD.

Plumbing Inspector Chris Costa: recommended no need for installing a shower stall.

Building Commissioner James Aguiar: Stated that Plumbing Waiver requests must be made at the State Level. This hearing is for the Town of Dighton's Board of Health's input and tonight's input must be submitted to the State before the State will hear the request. State plumbing code says that the Board of Health must make a recommendation before it can go to the State and only then will the state hear the case.

The Board of Health consulted with Attorney's from MHAB and DEP regarding this waiver request. Also a letter from Don Backlund was submitted regarding the shower and he offered that in the case of an emergency they would make their shower stall available. Patrick Menges asked to see the States Requirements for shower installation within medical buildings.

Patrick Menges: Against waiving the State regulation.

There was a discussion regarding alternative methods for installing showers in medical buildings.

- Use of shower / tub in another office
- Locating shower in janitors closet

Dean Cronin read a letter from the Department of Public Health.

Typically the plumbing inspector would be the one dealing with this, although the Board of Health needs to be informed in writing and is welcome to comment. Situations where the Board of Health are against the variance are not often approved.

No public postings are required, nor do abutters need to be involved or informed. Since this is a medical office (looks like dental, yes?) the Board is very likely to be able to approve the use of no shower / tub.

Building Commissioner Stated that no one wants to see your business open more than all of us and this Board.

Thomas Pires inquired about the mop sink. It was explained that it was a sink located in the janitor's closet and that it has a floor drain. He asked if shower head could be installed in the mop closet as an alternative method.

Thomas Pires asked for a recommendation from the Board?

The Dighton Board of Health requested that the Board of State examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters make the final determination as to whether or not to grant a variance. We have reviewed the issue with Mr. Christopher E. Costa, Town of Dighton Plumbing and Gas Inspector, who endorses the variance. **The Board voted with a motion from Dean Cronin, step down second Thomas Pires to vary from CMR 248, with the approval**

of the State and also the understanding that the floor sink in the Janitors closet be equipped with a shower head and a letter from the Plumber that the mop sink drain will be adopted as a shower.

All in favor

Aye

New Business Continued:

Award Landfill Monitoring Contract

Motion Dean Cronin second Patrick Menges to table awarding the contract.

Inspectors Reports:

Animal Control Officer: She did reminded kennel owners that kennel licenses need to be inspected yearly. She also stated that everyone needs to be cautious on the boat ramp or anywhere near water.

Kevin Bernardo Health Agent: Routine food inspections are ongoing.

Selectmen Patrick Menges: Explained that the Annual Town Meeting is in draft with a revised kennel license by-law and when completed the animal control officer's opinion will be requested.

James Aguiar Building Commissioner:

The commissioner reminded everyone again that as a precautionary measure please shovel your front entrance to your homes. If there were to be an emergency the first responders need to have easy access to your homes and to please check exhaust pipes to make sure they are clear of snow.

Public Input:

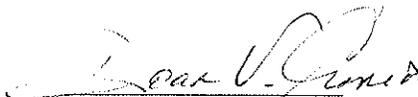
None

Adjournment:

Motion Dean Cronin second Patrick Menges to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosalind Grassie/ Administrative Assistant


Thomas J Pires
Chairman


Dean V. Cronin
Member


Patrick W. Menges
Clerk