

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARD OF HEALTH
AUGUST 14, 2013**

Chairman Thomas J. Pires called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present: Thomas J. Pires, Dean V. Cronin and Patrick W. Menges

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of July 31, 2013 – Hearing Canning Appeal.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of August 7, 2013 – Results of Canning Appeal.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The Board read food recalls from CTV Best Group, Gold Star Smoked Fish, United Processing, LLC, Traditions Pearl, Purity First Health Products, and National Beef Packing, Co.

Announcements were read.

It was noted that Department of Public Health has notified the Dighton Board of Health of West Nile Virus positive mosquitoes in the north-west quadrant of Town as of 8 August 2013. The species is culex pipens. The Board of Health advises residents to take precautions against mosquitoes, including, avoid the outdoors during dawn and dusk, wear clothing that covers most skin, apply repellants and remove standing water.

The Board of Health would like to advise the residents that the Department fo Public Health no longer tests dead birds for West Nile Virus.

Review/Discuss/Act: Title V Betterment Loan Application

The Board of Health is in receipt and reviewed the appropriate paperwork for a Title V Betterment Loan Application. It was noted the original requested amount, \$20,400.00, includes a 20% contingency fee. Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approved the Title V Betterment Loan Application of Jane Martin of 661 Cheryl Road.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Hearing: Demello, 1515 Cedar Street

At the request of Shirley & David Demello, a hearing was requested before the Board of Health regarding a failed septic system.

James D. Aguiar, Jr., Health Agent, presented and read into record his findings of his July 31, 2013 site inspection. It was revealed that surface sewage breakout from the septic system leaching area, showed signs of discharge toward the roadway drainage area. Mr. Demello noted that the system was installed in 1988 and thinks he knows what the problem is. Health Agent, Joseph Pacheco, noted that a perc test must be performed and the seasonal high water must be determined.

The Board noted that the request for a hearing has satisfied the Order to notify the Board within 14 days regarding plans to correct said violations. The Board also noted that the requirement to make the necessary upgrades or repairs to the on-site sewage disposal system within 60 days from date of receipt of Order will stand. Mr. Demello will notify the Board within 50 days if additional time will be required. A copy of the Town's Title V Betterment Loan informational packet was provided to the homeowners.

It was also noted that the approach from the homeowners and Town officials have worked together cooperatively.

Review/Discuss/Act: Application for Technical Assistance for Waste Reduction and Recycling

The Board received an Application for Technical Assistance for Waste Reduction and Recycling and noted it was hard to tell what the Technical Assistance would do/be improved. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to refer the matter to Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: UNANIMIOUS

Inspectors Reports

Health Agent Kevin Bernardo – Thomas Pires talking to Kevin told all about by-law concerning outdoor furnaces. Said hearing will be coming up. Blight and tall grass by-law is pending. Kevin said our new approach to blight abatement is working. Kevin and James Aguiar reported on soccer camp inspections – notified the Fire Department in case of call due heat exhaustion.

Public Input

Timothy Rhines asked if detrimental bidders can be restrained from bidding on auction properties? Mr. Menges noted no, the Collector can reject any/all bids in the Town's best interest.

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to adjourn at 7:11PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,
Boards of Health
Kerrie J Easterday, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

