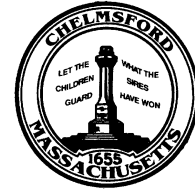




**Chelmsford Board of Health
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Town of Chelmsford
50 Billerica Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824
Zoom - 6:15 p.m., Tuesday September 8, 2020**



Attending:

Board Members: Annmarie Roark
Eric Meikle, MD
Richard Day

Staff: Susan Rosa, Public Health Director

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PATRICIA E. DZURIS
TOWN CLERK

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:15pm
Zoom Session – School Committee Meeting Room

Approval of Minutes

Upon Motion made by Annmarie Roark to accept minutes, seconded by Richard Day, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the Board of Health Meeting for August 3, 2020

Outgoing Correspondence:

Discussion on Choice Fitness complaints, doing better now, and they also expanded.

Discussion on Board of Appeals, garage and accessory apartment being added to homes.

Upon Motion made by Annmarie Roark to accept Outgoing Correspondence, seconded by Eric Meikle, it was voted unanimously to approve Outgoing Correspondence.

Incoming Correspondence:

Discussion on Lakes shutting down during the heat waves. Have concerns of social distancing at the lakes. Eric Meikle visited this week and people are respecting the lifeguards when asked to follow guidelines.

Discussion on Animal bites; skunk and bat bites.

Discussion on Mr. Harveys letter about Brian Reidy, the understanding is that it has been taken care of by Brian Reidy.

Discussion on sewer connection letter from Mr. Harvey. This will be part of the puzzle that is being looked into regarding the Sewer capacity.

Discussion on asbestos, if you go back many years it was done as a matter of course. Now being addressed as needed.

Upon Motion made by Annmarie Roark to accept Incoming Correspondence, seconded by Richard Day it was voted unanimously to approve Incoming Correspondence.

Old Business:

Covid-19 Update: Even with parties in town we only increased by 15 cases in town the previous week.

Discussion on Schools handling Covid; Some schools in and around surrounding areas are giving the students mask breaks. In order for students to understand the guidelines on masks, the teaching of masks starts at their homes.

Discussion on Newport Industries odor complaints: Residents are communicating the issues very well and we will track ongoing updates. The Air Quality control study has been approved; however, we don't have specific dates in which it will occur. All the information and complaints that we have received at the Board of Health has been given to the company that is doing the Study. Any complaints that we receive are also being sent to Ed at the MA DEP. We do need his support since Newport Industries is in Westford not in Chelmsford.

Discussion on new articles regarding the feeding of wild animals. It specifies ground feeding wild animals directly and indirectly. Don't agree with the language indirectly, many people have bird feeders and the food tends to be scattered.

Discussion on Sewer capacity; it has taken us a long time to get where we are now. There were reports over the years that septic waste could be polluting our own water, along with the chemicals reaching municipal wells. Residents needed to crush their systems and pay a betterment. All board members agree on a moratorium, but don't agree to go back to septic systems. We want a moratorium on building in town. We will send a letter to the Select board on a moratorium – don't want septic's, we support a moratorium until a source of additional sewer capacity is available. We do not support reverting back to residential septic systems. We don't support a moratorium to allow septic systems, we also do not want water treatment plants

Upon Motion made by Annmarie Roark to send a letter to the Select Board that the Board of Health supports a moratorium until sources of additional capacity is identified. We do not support waste water treatment plant in DEP Zone 2 well head protection zones. We do not support reverting to septic systems.

Seconded by Richard Day, it was voted unanimously to approve the Sewer Capacity motion.

Upon Motion made by Eric Meikle that the Board of Health is not in favor of deleting section 132-2 Sewer regulation in its entirety, we are in amenable to reword the word Sewer commission to "Former" Sewer commission and leave the rest of section 132-2 intact, seconded by Richard Day, it was voted unanimously to approve the rewording of section 132-2.

Upon motion made by Eric Meikle, the Board of Health with its current staffing and funding is not equipped to add on another category of inspections. The staffing and budget would need to be adjusted accordingly to meet any additional responsibilities, seconded by Richard Day, it was voted unanimously to approve additional funding and staffing if septic systems become allowed with a moratorium.

Upon Motion made by Annmarie Roark to accept Old Business, seconded by Richard Day, it was voted unanimously to approve Old Business.

New Business-

Discussion on Town Code Chapter 63 Hazardous Materials requirement, the Board of Health is to issue a Biosafety Compliance Commission. The application was created based on Chapter 63 Hazardous Materials, specifically on page 2 and page 3. The proposed fee is \$200, the companies would only apply for this application when they start production. They will not need to reapply unless changing and or selling. It needs to be signed under pains and penalties of perjury by a dually authorized operator of the company and their title to be listed, along with a section for the authorized operator to Sign and Print.

Upon motion made by Eric Meikle to accept \$200 fee and add to fee schedule, seconded by Annmarie Roark, it was voted unanimously to approve the Biosafety Compliance application fee.

Upon motion made by Annmarie Roark to accept the Biosafety Compliance application adding; It needs to be signed under pains and penalties of perjury by dually authorized operator of the company and their title, Sign and Print, seconded by Eric Meikle, it was voted unanimously to approved the Biosafety Compliance application.

Upon Motion made by Eric Meikle to accept New Business, seconded by Richard Day, it was voted unanimously to approve New Business.

OTHER:

Discussion on Monthly Reports: Mark's report is very good and detailed.

Upon Motion made by Eric Meikle to accept Other, seconded by Annmarie Roark, it was voted unanimously to approve Other.

Public Input:

Marc Parotta wanted to speak; Sue shared that he wanted to talk about Newport Industries and air quality complaints. He lives in Scotty Hollow. He had a question regarding all of his comments and an email he sent in August; he wanted to know if they were all entered into the record. We do have all calls and complaints on record. Next question; will the monitoring and air quality results/plans be available to the public? Yes, they will be available by public records request. We will also post the results on our Website. Marc also commented that he hopes the Air Quality testing includes off hours.

Motion to Adjourn:

Upon Motion made to adjourn by Eric Meikle, seconded by Richard Day, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM

Next Scheduled Meeting: *Monday, October 5, 2020*

Location - TBD