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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday – May 25, 2022 | 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Andy Fiske – BOH Chairman
Alan Greenberg – BOH Vice-Chairman
Jack McLellan – Inspectional Svcs. Office Coord. | Health Admin.

Not Present: Tom Fichtner – BOH Member

Meeting Location: [REMOTE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS](#)

MINUTES APPROVED

By Board of Health on
FEBRUARY 01, 2023

At 7:00 PM, BOH Meeting has been called to order by Jack McLellan. Jack reads the Open Meeting Law Extension. Also, in on the meeting, Wayne Phipps, President of the Lake Nipmuc Association. Jack states that Mike Szczepan is unable to attend tonight's meeting due to conflict in schedule.

Chairman Fiske thanks Jack, and begins the meeting with the 2nd Agenda Item.

1st Item on Agenda Talk about Trash Contract with Mike Szczepan from E.L. Harvey
TOPIC NOT DISCUSSED

2nd Item on Agenda Discuss the Current Concerns of Lake Nipmuc Association

Chairman Fiske recognizes Wayne Phipps. Wayne thanks the Board for their time and wanted to mention what a great resource that Lake Nipmuc is concerned about the testing of the Lake in regard to the E.coli results being high and therefore closing the Lake. Wayne also wanted to question the septic systems around the lake. Wayne wanted to know if the septic systems around the Lake are up to date and if that could be an issue for the high E.coli results. Also, the list of the pumping records, is that information up to date as well.

Chairman Fiske thanks Wayne for his concerns. Chairman Fiske raises the point that the Beach area and the Yacht Club have catch basins that road runoff could be going into the Lake. Chairman Fiske calls on Alan Greenberg for his input. Alan mentions that he remembers having a meeting with a Water Representative that she explained that if the septic systems in the area were in failure and affecting the Lake, that the E.coli results would be in the thousands. Chairman Fiske thanks Alan for his input. Chairman Fiske mentions that Geese could cause E.coli results to be higher by their own excrement. Pumping records are an issue as Septic Haulers are not submitting them to the Board of Health. Cesspools can work as well as a septic system. A cesspool can pass a Title 5 for an Inspection of a House.

Wayne thanks the Board for the time and would like to invite anyone from the Board to attend a Lake Nipmuc Association meeting that they hold.

Jacks mentions to Chairman Fiske that Selectman Lawney Tinio is on the call and would like to speak.

Chairman Fiske thanks Lawney for joining. Lawney wanted to mention to Wayne that the 2 areas of testing, 1 off of Taft Avenue and 1 off of Route 16, that work has just been done

on Taft Avenue correcting the roadway and repairing the drainage. Lawney said he would keep the Lake Nipmuc Association informed of the progress for the Route 16 catch basin.

Jack mentions to Chairman Fiske that Katherine, a participant to the meeting, has her hand raised. Chairman Fiske calls on Katherine. Katherine wanted to get some clarification on if any other parts of the Lake get tested besides the Beach area. Chairman Fiske responds no, that only the public beach area gets tested. Katherine also wanted to know if the BOH had a listing of the properties around the Lake concerning the septic systems and tight tanks. Chairman Fiske said that there was a file created about such information, and Katherine mentioned that she has that file, but it doesn't seem to be up to date. Katherine asked about the Beaver Trapping Permit and who fills that out. Chairman Fiske said it to contact Alan Tetreault at the Highway Dept. as he would be best to contact first. Katherine also asked, who was the State Certified Water Testing company that the BOH used for Beach Testing. Chairman Fiske said it was Microbac, but asked Alan to confirm. Alan did confirm that it was Microbac.

Chairman Fiske asked if anyone else had any input regarding this topic. No one responded, so Chairman Fiske has moved onto next topic.

3rd Item on Agenda

Update on Tobacco Enforcement

Chairman Fiske asked if there were any updates. Alan responded that they were awaiting on the details of the contract to provide the Tobacco Enforcement services. Alan will forward Joan Hamlett's of the Tobacco Enforcement information to Jack for introduction and follow-up. Chairman Fiske thanks Alan and has moved onto next topic.

4th Item on Agenda

Update on Hazardous Waste Day

Jack informed the Board that he was able to schedule a Hazardous Waste Day with Clean Harbors tentatively scheduled for Saturday – November 19th, as the Board is waiting on a contract for review and approval. Chairman Fiske thanks Jack and moves onto next Topic.

5th Item on Agenda

Update on VNA Contract

Jack informs the Board that BOH Member, Tom Fichtner, has reached out again by voicemail and email to Michelle McGovern, but still has not heard back from her regarding the contract. Tom mentioned that he will drive to the VNA to see if he can meet with her in person to get the ball rolling. Chairman Fiske asked Alan if he had any input on this topic. Alan said he did not. Chairman Fiske thanks Alan and moves onto next Topic.

6th Item on Agenda

Discuss Restructuring of the Board

Alan mentions he would like to restructure the Board, as it has been a while to the shuffling of the team, and is willing to pass the baton of Vice-Chairman to Tom Fichtner or Andy Fiske. Chairman Fiske would like to leave it up to Tom and see what he wants to do.

The Board has set its next meeting date for Wednesday, June 8th at 7 PM.

Chairman Fiske calls for a Motion to adjourn tonight's BOH Meeting:

Alan makes the motion to adjourn the BOH Meeting. Chairman Fiske steps down and seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Roll call vote: Fiske-Aye, Greenberg-Aye.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:48 PM.