

HAMILTON BOARD OF HEALTH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

Present: Board of Health members: Lindle Willnow, Susan Wilfahrt, and Health Agent Leslie Whelan.

Meeting Opened: Lindle Willnow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Hamilton Senior Center

Dan Johnson – 16 Bay Road (Black Cow) – Request to Use Actual Water Meter Readings for Calculating Septic Use

Discussion ensued with Dan Johnson, septic designer, and Joe Leone, restaurant owner, about expanding the restaurant with a function room that would have a 40 seat maximum capacity. Analysis was done on metered water usage associated with the existing pre-treatment septic system that was designed to handle 1,900 gallons of flow and the current restaurant is using 601 gallons of daily flow. So with the additional seating capacity the increased usage would be 240 gallons of additional daily flow for a total of 841 gallons of peak daily flow. It was determined that 43% of the capacity of the pre-treatment septic system would be used for all uses in the Black Cow restaurant building with this extension of restaurant included.

Discussion addressed how the function room is designed to increase business at the restaurant but would not be a daily use. It was noted that water use should be monitored at the restaurant. Also mentioned was that Jolie Tea which has left the site had never come to the BOH with a request for an expanded use in its establishment related to septic system. In addition, a plan for the Black Cow restaurant kitchen related to the function room expansion has to be done for review by the food inspector who supports BOH. Leone will also go to ZBA relative to increased parking.

Willnow moved that the proposed change in use is acceptable within the limits of the current septic system design. Susan Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Discussion – Flu Vaccine Clinics

The first of two flu vaccine clinics was held on October 14, 2015 at the Hamilton Senior Center and 255 people were vaccinated. The second clinic will be held on November 18, 2015 from 3 to 6 p.m. A flu clinic will also occur at the HWRHS. At the next BOH

meeting Public Health Nurse Chris Lee and Health Inspector Bobby Cody will provide updates.

Discussion – “Plastic Bag & Expanded Polystyrene By-Law” Electronic Reminder in spring

BOH Administrative Assistant Nancy Stevens will be sending an email to local retailers that the by-law will go into effect in July.

Discussion – Potential Citizens Petition to Ban Roosters

Discussion ensued with Susan Lawrence, Agriculture Commission member, Claudia Woods and Susanna Colloredo-Mansfeld relative to the potential citizens petition to ban roosters in Town. Health Agent Leslie Whelan reported on conversation with Town Manager Michael Lombardo who was aware of a citizen interested in creating a citizens’ petition to ban roosters. The development of the petition has not occurred. A noise by-law amendment on the fall Town Meeting warrant exempts noise made by animals. The rooster issue is not before the Town at this point. Discussion was on right to farm by-law that permits residents to have animals, farm equipment and conduct farming. Also mentioned was rural characteristic of Town and that there have been few complaints about roosters. In addition, that noise is addressed by BOH since it could be a public health issue.

Discussion – HIPAA Staff Training

Discussion ensued about how to comply with HIPAA regulation relative to minimum necessary disclosure.

Discussion – Board of Health Member Search

Discussion ensued about ideas to find another Board member including possibility of reviewing list of licensed volunteers (i.e., those interested in Emergency Medical Corps). Also, Chris Lee could be a resource since she is aware of people who work at the flu clinics.

Nomination of Assistant Animal Inspector – Anne Jackman

Willnow moved to appointed Anne Jackman as Assistant Animal Inspector. Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Review Minutes dated September 30, 2015

Willnow moved to approve the September 30, 2015 minutes as amended. Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Other Business

Discussion was on Richard Roberts, Nobel laureate, who will be speaking at H-W Library in response to “Genetic Roulette” movie on GMOs presented recently at library.

Also mentioned was the DPH Commissioner’s local public health update as it relates to amendments to food, housing and other regulations as well as opioid epidemic, flu season, tick-borne disease.

In addition, the Health Agent provided the Board with disclosure form relative to septic system installation and conflict of interest.

Also, there is a new executive director at Northeast Mosquito Control, Mary Duggan. There has been minimum positive mosquito reporting this year in Massachusetts (i.e., one pool of EEE in the state for the season).

Finally, a radon test will be done at the Town Hall building by the public works department relative to the number of breast cancer cases that have occurred in the building. If elevated radon is found, remedial actions can be taken.

Meeting Adjourned:

Willnow moved at 8:41 p.m. to adjourn. Wilfahrt seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Board’s next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2 at the Senior Center.

ATTEST:

cc: Selectmen, Planning Board, Town Clerk, Conservation