

Ashland Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2017 – 7 PM
Ashland Town Hall, 101 Main Street, Ashland MA 01721

Call to Order: Chair Jon Fetherston called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Members Present: Jon Fetherston
Kathryn Mahoney
Judith Margulies
Koduvayur Narayana

Members Absent: Mary Mortensen

Staff Participation: Mark Oram, Ashland Health Department Director
Laura Clifford, Ashland Health Department Administrative Secretary
Beth Reynolds, Ashland Economic Development Director

Public Participation: Karen Araya Paul Colonna
Mark Dassoni Stephen Morgan
Amy Turncliff

Chairperson's Announcements: The meeting was being audio recorded by Mark Oram and audio/video recorded by WACA-TV, Ashland MA.

Agenda Item: **Citizen's Participation**

Discussion:

- Resident Stephen Morgan shared with the Board concerns of a possible Open Meeting Law violation when multiple Board of Health members attended a recent meeting of another group without posting that meeting as a BOH meeting.
- Resident Mark Dassoni inquired about the Howe Street landfill solar project.
- Resident Karen Araya inquired about the Columbus Ave work being done by the Ashland Department of Public Works and other public health concerns of the neighborhood.
- Resident Paul Colonna shared concerns about the Columbus Ave neighbor Kidde-Fenwal Inc and other Columbus Ave related public health items.
- KG Narayana asked the Chair to elaborate on what the Board of Health has done to address noise complaints.

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- KG Narayana discussed the upcoming Ashland Volunteer Fair to be held on April 8, 2017 and encouraged residents to step forward as volunteers.

Agenda Item: External Grease Trap Waiver Request, The Corner Spot

Discussion: Ashland Development Director Beth Reynolds presented a request for a waiver for an external grease trap at the location known as the Corner Spot at 9 Cherry Street. Mark Oram informed the Board that both the Plumbing Inspector and the Water and Sewer Superintendent are okay with granting the waiver.

Future Action: Further consideration by the Board in December 2017

Motion: Kitty Mahoney made a motion (and amended the motion) to grant an external grease trap waiver for 9 Cherry Street with the Board evaluating this temporary waiver in December 2017. The motion was seconded by KG Narayana. The motion was approved (4-0-0) with members Fetherston, Mahoney, Margulies and Narayana in favor.

Agenda Item: CeCe Doucette, WiFi Safety

Discussion: none

Agenda Item: Amy Turncliff, Review of Strategic Input and Vision Statement

Discussion: Resident Amy Turncliff as a member of the Ashland Strategic Planning Advisory Committee shared activities of the Committee with the Board of Health. She informed the Board that public health needs fit in under the Strategic Planning topic of well-being.

Agenda Item: Food Permits

Discussion: Members discussed with KG Narayana his suggestions for the food permitting process, application, and opportunities for improvement. Various aspects of the present program and possibilities for the future were discussed with Mr. Oram.

Future Action: Board to consider future action with no consensus reached.

Motion: Mr. Fetherston made a motion for a 5-minute recess. Ms. Mahoney seconded the motion. The motion failed (2-2-0) with members Fetherston and Mahoney in favor and members Margulies and Narayana against.

Agenda Item: Metrowest Health Foundation Grant to Address Opioid Epidemic

Agenda Item: Marijuana Letter to Governor and Officials

Agenda Item: FY17 and FY18 Budget, Revolving Fund – Update

Discussion: Mark Oram offered an update on the budget. Members discussed certain aspects of public health budgeting.

Future Action: The Board to consider future action with no consensus reached.

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Motion: Kitty Mahoney made a motion to support Mr. Oram's request to go to the Finance Committee to request a full-time nurse. There was no second. The motion did not come to a vote.

Agenda Item: Howe Street Solar Project/Gas Permeation Trench Status Update

Discussion: Mr. Oram shared updates with the Board members concerning on-going monitoring of the Howe Street landfill and the solar panel project.

Future Action: The Board to consider future action with no consensus reached.

Agenda Item: Nyanza Advisory Meeting on March 7, 2017 Updates

Discussion: Members were informed that the meeting scheduled for March 7 had been cancelled.

Agenda Item: New food establishments: North End Pizza, 119 Pond Street

Discussion: Mark Oram shared information concerning the opening of North End Pizza.

Agenda Item: Acceptance of Meeting Minutes, December 6 -2017, December 9 -2017, February 1 -2017, February 21 -2017

Discussion: No discussion of minutes

Proposed Action: Extend the meeting beyond posted time. No consensus reached.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting(s) March and April 2017

Discussion: none

Motion: At 9:07 PM a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Judith Margulies. Koduvayur Narayana seconded the motion. The meeting ended.

Items Used during the Meeting:

1. Meeting agenda as posted
2. Letter from Beth Reynolds regarding request for a grease trap waiver for 9 Cherry Street.
3. Strategic Planning Input and Vision Statement
4. Budget document

Town of Ashland audio and audio/video recordings incorporated as part of the meeting minutes. See Ashland Records Officer for copies.



With a vote of 3-0-1 these minutes were accepted at the June 20, 2017 meeting of the Board of Health, members Fetherston, Margulies and Narayana (Etskovitz abstaining) in the affirmative.



Judith Margulies, Chair

Ronald Etskovitz, Vice-Chair

Koduvayur Narayana, Clerk

Jon Fetherston, Member

Mary Mortensen, Member

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