

Town of Abington
Board of Health Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2013
Buckley Room
7:00pm

Member's Present: Bob Manning, Chairman, Theresa Maze, Vice Chair, Margie Devlin, Linda Dickey, Donna Hoffman, Sharon White, Health Agent

Bob calls the meeting to order at 7:17pm.

Bob introduces the new Board Member, Donna Hoffman who is a Nurse at Mass General Hospital.

Sharon starts the meeting off with the reorganization of the Board Members and starts with the Vice Chairman.

Linda nominates Terry Maze as Vice Chair

Margie seconds

Unanimous

Sharon ask for nominations of Chairman

Terry nominates Bob Manning as Chairman

Margie seconds for Bob

Bob nominates Terry Manning

No second motion for Terry

Unanimous

Sharon turns the meeting back to Bob Manning

Trash Variance/Mix Use

491 Washington St

Linda motions to grant a variance

Margie seconds

Unanimous

Health Agent's Report (see attached)

Exotic Animals as Pets

Margie mentions that someone has exotic animals at their residence and she feels that it is a health issue. She states that she does not want a monkey in her neighborhood and that she does not want the snakes getting loose.

She would like to put into some regulations on how many animals one person can have.

Sharon explains that this is a zoning issue.

Bob explains that the MA Dept of Wildlife that the State regulates animals on peoples properties.

Chickens are allowed but if the smell is a burden it is a BOH issue. He further explains that the BOH has no regulatory authority to stop a resident who has a state permit for exotic animals. This is at the State level. Bob explains that Margie could make a complaint to the State if she chooses.

Sharon explains that the Health Dept. has nothing to do with it unless there is an offensive odor.

Local BOH Regulations

Fining structure for the current trash regulations

Sharon explains that this is part of the DEP Grant for the Enforcement Coordinator requires a fine structure in the local regs. Such as people that are not properly recycling after a certain amount of notices, bulk items left on lawns....They suggest a two letter warning with a fine of \$50 and third offense a \$100 fine and then no pick up if beyond the fines. This has to be part of the regulation in order for Sharon to apply for the Grant.

Sharon also explains that Lorraine would like to present going back to the \$3 trash tags for the extra trash from residents.

Bob asks where the fine money would go after collected. Would it be the General Fund or the Revolving?

Sharon will be looking into the proper fund.

Discussion regarding warning letters and bulk items.

Bob motions that on the next meeting agenda the Board makes a plan to institute fine regulation structure for the trash regulations and that a vote will be taken at the next meeting to institute such plan

Theresa seconds motion

Unanimous

Terry states that Lorraine has had a great idea on the tags for the extra bags but it would open up a whole can of worms.

Tobacco Regs

Bob updates Donna where they are at with the Tobacco Regs

Minutes

Terry motions to accept the minutes of April 16, 2013

Linda seconds

Unanimous

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Terry would like to discuss with the new Town Manager going forward with the "Around Town" with answers to residents questions.

Bob announces the yard waste pickup the week of May 6-10th with your regular trash pickup and you can drop off yard waste at the Compost Site on Saturdays from 9-2pm.

Terry motions to adjourn

Margie seconds

Unanimous

Bob Manning, Chairman

Mary DeRusha, Chief Clerk