

Town of Abington
Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 2014
Buckley Room
7:00pm

Member's present: Theresa Maze, Chairwoman, Donna Hoffman, Vice-Chair, Bob Manning, Linda Dickey, Susan Emery, Sharon White, Health Agent

Terry call the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Signing Dumpster Regulations
Effective January 1, 2015

Tony Esposito
Septic Engineer, Designer, 519 N. Quincy St
Local Upgrades

Mr. Esposito gives the Board an update regarding a design plan for repair to an existing septic system due to a failed Title V Inspection at 519 N. Quincy St. He explains that as part of the design he is installing a new septic tank and requesting a variance for two local upgrades within a high water table area and a reduction in the distance of the pipe from the house.

Discussion

Bob motions that the existing pipe be reduced from 10' to 5' as worded in the letter from Mr. Esposito

Linda seconds

Donna opposes

Motion Passes 4-1-0

Bob motions to approve the second variance request for a local upgrade

Linda seconds

Donna opposes

Motion Passes 4-1-0

Approve updated Noise Regulations

Sharon explains that the DEP Regulations that we have in place are very vague

Donna brings up that the High School's trash is being picked up before 7:00am. Sharon explains that she has spoken to Waste Solutions and they will try and empty the school dumpster closer to 7a.m. In the contract it does state that they are allowed a half hour before school starts.

Discussion

Terry would like to revisit the Noise Regulations at the first meeting in October.

Tobacco Violation Letter Updates

Sharon updates the Board that letters did go out to all four violators and two responses came back.

Donna commends JD Variety's on their response.

Discussion

Terry would like Sharon to make a phone call to the other establishments that did not respond. She would like a follow up at the next meeting.

Fee Schedule per MA Food Protection

Sharon explains that the Bottled Water fee needs to be increased per State Regulations

Bob motions to amend the Non-Alcoholic Bottling Water fee from \$50 to \$75 to put us in compliance with the State Regulations and that \$37.50 is for the Town and \$37.50 to the MA Food Protection Program

Donna seconds

Unanimous

5-0-0

Health Agent's Report (see attached)

Minutes

Aug. 11, 2014

Donna would like the minutes amended to state that Mr. Zakrzewski was apprised of the need for proper disposal of trash and recycling which was not being done properly.

Discussion regarding variances

Bob motions to accept the Aug. 11, 2014, minutes with the amendment request by Donna Hoffman

Donna seconds

5-0-0

Correspondence

No paperwork has been pulled for the food vendors for the Coombs Road Race.

The Board changed the Regulations last year stating within 30 days, but not less than 15 days prior for all paperwork to be submitted.

Terry has been in communication with Mrs. Coombs since April, 2014, and was assured that there would be a sit down meeting with Sharon. There has been no communication until Sept. 2, 2014, less than 15 days prior to the event.

Terry is hesitant to waive the fees for the permits

Donna questions why it is every year this happens when Mrs. Coombs know the rules and regulations from prior years.

Discussion

Bob would like a certified letter be sent to the organization. Requirements have not been met.

Donna states they need to follow rules.

Susan suggests that the Board give them until Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, to get their paperwork into the office.

Bob suggests that two weeks after the event to send a letter stating that in 2015, there will be no acceptations to the rules.

Bob motions to send a certified letter on Wed. Sept. 3, to the organization informing them that we have not received the paperwork and therefore there will be no food service allowed however, we are willing to work with the organizers that if they have all the paperwork in by Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, at 11:00am that the BOH will do it's best to meet the requirements that the food service could continue.

Sharon states that it should be the Board that sends this letter. Terry states she will send this by email.

Bob makes another motion changing the letter to Terry sending an email to announce that as of Sept 3, 2014, they are not in compliance to have food service at the Coombs Race which is Sept. 14, 2014, that the BOH is requesting that all the information be delivered to the BOH office that is required as stated earlier, no later than Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, at 11:00am and with failure to do so the BOH will certify that there will be no food service allowed at the fundraiser

Donna seconds

Terry asks if they will give them until Monday

Members state, "No"

Unanimous

5-0-0

Bob motions that no later than two weeks after the event the BOH office sends a letter to the Coombs Organization informing them that given the constraints that they are under, in year 2015, when they have their next organized operation in the fall, that unless all of the BOH requirements are met 30 days in advance there will be no food service allowed at the fundraiser in Sept. 2015.

Linda seconds

Unanimous

5-0-0

Sharon states she will not be here the weekend of the event, that the board should designate someone to check the event.

Terry asks who is qualified

Susan asks if she is qualified to do it

Linda states that Susan should do it and Terry volunteers to go with her

Linda motions to adjourn

Bob seconds

Unanimous

8:36pm

Theresa Maze, Chair

Mary DeRusha, Chief Clerk

