

Board Meeting.....September 6, 2016.....12:00 noon

Board Members Present: Dr. Thaddeus A. Figlock, Chairman  
Dr. Joseph F. Nates, Board Member  
Dr. Bruce E. Bodner, Board Member

Staff Present: Heather L. Gallant, Exec. Director, Adam Vickstrom, Assistant Exec. Director,  
Kevin Duquette, Daniel Ross, Daniel Syriala, Eileen Boudreau, Lillian Tetreault,  
Part-time Public Health Nurse, and Kendra A. Motta  
Jessica Ferreira and Kathleen Driscoll, Public Health Nurse, absent

**Motion:** By Dr. Bodner for approval of the minutes from the August Monthly Board Meeting.      **Seconded:** By Dr. Nates.

Sanitary Inspectors Monthly Reports were submitted for the Board's review:

Daniel Ross reported he had condemned two properties for the month.

Daniel Syriala reported he has been busy with septic inspections. He was in court with reference to 6 Reed Street; this property has been ongoing regarding nuisance complaints with a messy yard, car parts, etc. It is cleaned up presently.

Dr. Figlock mentioned to Mr. Syriala regarding a service station on Winthrop Street down the road from his property that has several cars all around the property questioning if the Board of Health had interest to this type of issue? Mr. Syriala reported when it comes to automobiles, that becomes a Zoning Regulation.

Eileen Boudreau reported she has been attending trainings and going out with the other inspectors for training and learning all types of inspections and duties as the new Sanitary Inspector.

Kathleen Driscoll, Public Health Nurse submitted her monthly report for the Board's review.

Lillian Tetreault, Part-time Public Health Nurse reported she has scheduled the Employee Flu Clinic day for Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Tetreault reported they had an unannounced inspection of one of the summer camps, Girls Incorporated. The inspectors from the Department of Public Health came down and did a very thorough inspection and the woman who runs the camp did a very good job presenting. All three summer camps do a very nice job.

Adam Vickstrom, Assistant Executive Director reported he has sent out the mailing for the renewals on the Hazardous Materials Permits for the upcoming Fiscal Year. Assisting any of the inspectors with any questions they might have. He has taken Eileen Boudreau out on some inspections for training. There were a couple of new businesses that opened up this month.

Dr. Figlock mentioned and discussed about the old Elizabeth Pole School being currently demolished.

Heather L. Gallant, Executive Director reported also that the new Sanitary Inspector, Eileen Boudreau, has been going out with all the inspectors for training. Ms. Gallant reported on an update on the returning date for Ms. Jessica Ferreira whom is out on maternity leave. She will be returning on September 26<sup>th</sup>, her due back date.

Kevin Duquette, Environ. Compliance Officer stated there has not been anything out of the ordinary to report. Mr. Duquette will be having a meeting with the DPW regarding the Consultant who will be doing the odor study work for the Sanitary Landfill and that is ongoing. They will meet and be going over some of the work that they have been doing. The Department of Public Works will be coming before the Board next month to discuss their progress and any information that the Board may be looking for or anything additional that the Board is looking for them to do.

Mr. Duquette has had one meeting with DPW in the past month with regards to what the scope of work would be and then they drafted a contract for that scope of work, which has been sent to all the parties, the Mayor, the City Solicitor and Waste Management. They now have to iron out the scope of the work and the amount.

Dr. Nates questioned when this would be completed? Mr. Duquette reported they are definitely on track and if anything, they are ahead of schedule. They are meeting the deadlines on what the Board is requesting.

#### Old Business:

##### a. Taunton Sanitary Landfill –Update

Mr. Peter Richer, Waste Management, present

Mr. Richer reported they will definitely be working with Tighe and Bond, Kevin Duquette, and the DPW on that report. They will be at the next Monthly Board Meeting to review the status on that.

They submitted their application to the DEP to get them to approve the vertical expansion, to operate at that new elevation.

Mr. Richer reported the Consultant has given WMMA a scope of the work with a cost; not a bill just the cost of what it is going to be. The total scope is roughly around \$21,000.00.

##### b. Western Bristol County & Foxborough Tobacco & Alcohol Prevention – Update

Ms. Marilyn Edge, not present:

A communication was sent to the members of the Board from Jonathan Winickoff, MD, a Harvard Professor of Pediatrics at MGH who co-founded the Mass Tobacco 21 Campaign- raising the Minimum Legal Sales age to 21. He is asking for the Board to consider raising the tobacco sales age in Taunton to 21 as soon as possible.

Dr. Figlock reported on noticing more Vape Stores questioning on any regulations that they would be operating under which would come to the Board of Health's attention. The Executive Director reported that under our classification, they are called non-tobacco nicotine delivery devices and they are already regulated under our current regulations that handle tobacco. On terms of who can buy them, who can use them, what types of places you can use them or not use them. They are already regulated on our local level and on a state level to an extent.

##### c. Signing of the addendum to the existing Taunton Septic Tank Regulations

Dr. Bodner had requested at last month's meeting for the Executive Director to make a couple of corrections on the verbiage on the regulation regarding septic tank usage. Ms. Gallant made those

changes per Dr. Bodner's request along with the agreement from the other Board Members. The original is enclosed for the Board's signature. The Board Members did sign this regulation.

New Business:

a. 23 Floral Street regarding violations of the Taunton Domestic Animal and Bird Regulations  
Mr. Antonio Pereira, present:

Mr. Pereira needed to notify his abutters by Certified Mail that he was requesting a hearing before the Board. Mr. Pereira did not notify his abutters.

A letter was sent to Mr. Pereira from the Executive Director explaining the process of notifying his abutters about the hearing, which is for anyone who does not meet the required setbacks for the animal regulations.

Dr. Nates requested to table this until the next month's meeting.

Kevin Duquette reported that Mr. Pereira has goats, chickens, and pigeons.

b. Alfred Hashem, ADH Contracting, Inc. Hearing for performing septic system work without both a Septic System Installer's License and a Disposal Works Construction Permit

Mr. Hashem, present:

Daniel Syriala, Sanitary Inspector reported to the Board that the builder called on August 22<sup>nd</sup> for Lot #2, South Precinct Street, for an open-hole septic inspection. Upon reviewing the file, Mr. Syriala found that no one had pulled the required permits to start the job and that it was evident that he did not have an Installer's Permit with the Board of Health as well.

Mr. Syriala explained that when the septic plans have been approved by our Consultant, the Installer at that time would come into the Board of Health to sign the Septic Application (DWCP) and would pick up the approved plans to start the job.

A different installer came in and finished this under his own license. The job is done and finished now. Before the Board of Health can issue someone a Disposal Works Construction Permit, they have to be a licensed Septic Installer in the City of Taunton.

The Executive Director gave her opinion that all Septic Installers are aware that every City or Town has a process. Normally, the installer contacts the office questioning if their license is current and if not, they send it in before they can pick up any approved septic plans and install a septic system. All towns also require a valid DWCP Permit and the approved plans to be issued and have onsite during the installation.

Mr. Hashem reported there was a communication gap within his own office that brought this about. The Executive Director wants Mr. Hashem to realize the seriousness of his offenses.

**Motion:** By Dr. Nates for the Board to overlook it at this time where this was his first offense and Mr. Hashem claimed he did something wrong. The Board admonishes, warns Mr. Hashem that future actions against the building codes will be dealt with severely. **Seconded:** By Dr. Bodner.

Mr. Hashem will be required to apply for his Installer's License and pay the \$100.00 license fee before he can install any septic systems in the City of Taunton.

c. Re-Appointment of the Executive Director

Dr. Nates reported that the By-laws state that the Board appoints the Executive Director every three years. It does not state that they re-appoint the Executive Director. Before they appoint the Executive Director the job position should be posted at City Hall.

Dr. Nates recommends that the Board table this at this time to next month's meeting and then they will appoint an Executive Director.

Communications:

- a. Financial Statement

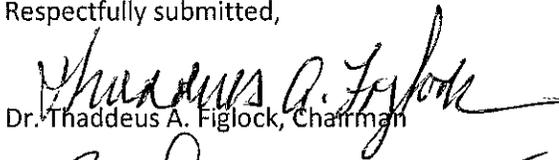
The Financial Statement is enclosed for the Board's review.

Schedule the Next Monthly Board Meeting:

The next monthly Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon.

**Motion:**                    **By Dr. Nates for adjournment of the Meeting. Seconded:     By Dr. Bodner.**

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Thaddeus A. Figlock, Chairman



Dr. Joseph F. Nates, Board Member



Dr. Bruce E. Bodner, Board Member