

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**April 20, 2017**

OPENING: The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Health opened at 7:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Dr. Jerome Azia  
Sue Brzoska

Mr. Thomas FitzGerald, Health Director, was also in attendance.

**MINUTES**

Dr. Jerome Azia made a motion to accept the minutes of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Sue Brzoska seconded the motion. The vote of the Board was unanimous in favor.

**MR. FITZGERALD'S REPORT**

**16D Depot Court** Mr. FitzGerald reported that he is still waiting to hear from the Guardian on this property and there are no new updates to report at this time.

**9 Foster Road** Mr. FitzGerald reported that he has a date of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for Housing Court. The Housing Court Judge had previously appointed a receiver. Mr. FitzGerald reported there is now a bank that is interested in the property and that they would like to put in a bid and buy the property.

**18 Eagle Street** Mr. FitzGerald reported that he has a new date of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for Housing Court on this property.

**8 Curtis Road** Mr. Fitzgerald reported that he was responding to a complaint made by one of the property owners neighbors. The neighbors reported concerns about the trash everywhere on property and also expressed concerns about the condition of septic system. The neighbors stated that the system appears to be failing. Mr. FitzGerald stated that the property is listed as a single family home and that it appears as though it is being used as a multi-family home at this time. Mr. FitzGerald was never able to get inside the property to investigate this possibility. He will have to return to the property to do a follow up inspection. The neighbors of the property were asked to please notify the Board of Health or Mr. FitzGerald if they smell anything again or if they thought there were any other problems.

**23 Buckingham Drive** Mr. FitzGerald reported that he received a complaint from the neighbor of the property. The neighbor stated that the property has been vacant for some time and that

there is trash everywhere. Mr. FitzGerald stated that he could not find anyone at the home at the time he was on the property. Mr. FitzGerald found that the homes deck was in dis-repair with no railings and that the deck was starting to fall off the home. He will be mailing a notice to the property owner in regards to the property to inform them about what repairs need to be made.

#### **TITLE 5 FINAL INSPECTIONS**

- 7 Secluded Ridge

#### **SIGN-OFFS**

- 9 Overlook Drive
- 4 Hillside Road

#### **MISCILLANEOUS**

- 809 College Highway update - Mr. Fitzgerald reported that he spoke with R. Levesque about the septic system in the building and whether or not the system was rated for use for a fitness center instead of originally planned use for a bus repair garage. Mr. FitzGerald stated that calculations made by the engineer will work provided not exceed 63 people per day. Mr. FitzGerald also stated that there is a Planning Board meeting next week and the property in question would be addressed at that time.
- 309 South Longyard Road – Mr. FitzGerald received a call from the Environmental Police in regards to case where a raccoon had bitten a home owner. After investigating the situation it became apparent that the home owner was actually keeping the raccoon as a pet. Mr. FitzGerald spoke with the Environmental Police in this matter the occupant released the raccoon. The officer at the time was going to cite the woman for transporting a wild animal over state lines; as she had transported the animal from Connecticut to Massachusetts, and keeping a wild animal.
- The Vape Shop and Vape Escape - Mr. FitzGerald was contacted by Sgt. Landis in regards to both vaping shops in Southwick. Landis reported that they were not operating according to laws and regulations and that they were allowing people under the age of 18 to be inside their establishment. Mr. FitzGerald visited both properties and found that they were in compliance with both regulations.

#### **FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS**

- Pasticceria Italia – Mr. FitzGerald received a letter from the Town Clerk stating that the payment that had been received for food service license had been returned for insufficient funds had come down and paid the bill in cash. The business is now back operating with the proper food service license.
- Hash House - Mr. FitzGerald stated that he performed a re-inspection of the restaurant and it was found in compliance.
- Pride Station – Mr. FitzGerald stated that he performed an inspection of the property and it was found in compliance.
- The Ranch – Mr. FitzGerald stated that he performed an inspection of the property and it was found in compliance.
- Main Moon – Mr. FitzGerald stated that he spoke with the new owner of the business about his food service license. The new owner stated that he was not aware that he needed to apply for a new license. Mr. FitzGerald spoke with the owner and explained that he need to get a new permit and the new owner complied. Mr. FitzGerald also informed owner he was waiting to receive his Serve Safe certificate. The owner informed Mr. Fitzgerald that he does have the certificate.

#### **MEETINGS/ TRAINING/SEMINARS**

WESTERN MA – FDA 2013 FOOD CODE TRAINING  
MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>/MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
BID Y CORPORATE OFFICE IN SPRINGFIELD

Next meeting scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

cc:  
Select Board  
Town Clerk

Dr. Jerome Azia, Chairman Tom Fitzgerald  
Dr. Jerome Azia, Chairman Tom Fitzgerald, Health Director

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May 4, 2017  
Date