

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
November 9, 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  
Jean Nilsson

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

**MINUTES**

Ms. Nilsson made a motion to table the minutes of October 19, 2017. Dr. Azia seconded the motion. The vote of the Board was unanimous in favor.

**ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Soloway, 59 College Highway Apartment 5, attended the meeting to discuss issues concerning the apartment building. Ms. Soloway presented the Board with a mold report from Walt Baenziger. Mr. FitzGerald stated that mold is present everywhere in our environment. There is currently no state threshold to measure safe levels of mold. Ms. Soloway stated that she has disfiguring flea bites on her face. Mr. FitzGerald stated that he inspected the apartment with a licensed exterminator. The exterminator reported that there were no fleas in the apartment. Ms. Soloway stated that the heat in her apartment was turned off during the first week of March. Mr. FitzGerald inspected the apartment with a licensed electrician and determined that Ms. Soloway has electric baseboard heat that is controlled within the apartment and was not shut off. Ms. Soloway stated that there are other residents within the 14 unit apartment building that also have concerns regarding their living conditions. Mr. FitzGerald has not received any complaints from the other residents as of the date of this meeting. Ms. Soloway stated that she has received an eviction notice. Mr. FitzGerald will review any Building Code violations with Mr. Lalwer, and continue to monitor the complaint.

**MR. FITZGERALD'S REPORT**

**Apt 37 Depot Court** Mr. FitzGerald attended Housing Court with a representative from Southwick Housing Authority concerning a tenant. The tenant had agreed to evacuate, as of the date of this meeting they have not done so. Mr. FitzGerald will attempt to inspect the apartment with the property manager. If he is not successful he will go back to Housing Court if necessary.

**131 Feeding Hills Road** Mr. FitzGerald received a complaint from a neighbor concerning the conditions of the property. Mr. FitzGerald sent a letter to the property owner requesting the owner to contact him.

**9 Foster Road** Mr. FitzGerald reported that repairs are being continued, and the septic system has been repaired. The Housing Court case will be continued until January 2018.

**Tobacco Grant** Mr. FitzGerald informed the board that a grant is available for the enforcement, education, and compliance regarding the sale and use of tobacco products. There will be 7 towns applying for the grant. The Board members agreed that Mr. FitzGerald should proceed with the application.

**Social Daycare** Mr. FitzGerald received information from Sue Drapeau, 68 Powder Mill Road, that she is intending to operate an adult social daycare at her residents. Mr. FitzGerald referred her to the Building Department, and Planning Board. This matter has been tabled until a formal proposal is presented. Mr. FitzGerald will be required to inspect the food service for the proposed business.

**Permit Fees** Mr. FitzGerald presented the Board Members with a spread sheet containing Southwick's fees and the fees of various neighboring towns. There has not been an increase in Southwick's fees in the last 25 years. The Board Members will review the spread sheet. This matter has been tabled until the next meeting.

**Town Beach** Mr. FitzGerald reported that the water testing results were well below State standards.

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

- 283 South Longyard Road
- 114 South Longyard Road
- 8 George Loomis Road
- 6 Dewitt Circle
- 176 Granville Road
- 35 Gillette Avenue

#### **SOIL EVALUATIONS**

- 35 Gillette Avenue
- Parcel 49-5 Hudson Drive

#### **SIGN-OFFS**

- 22 Deer Run Road

#### **FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS**

- Powder Mill School
- Woodland School
- Southwick Regional School
- Millie's Mr. FitzGerald received a complaint from a customer who became ill after consuming a product purchased at Millie's. Mr. FitzGerald noted that food products did not have all ingredients listed on the label. Mr. FitzGerald advised the manager of the Food Code requirements mandating all ingredients must be listed on products made at Millie's.

#### **MEETINGS/TRAININGS/SEMINARS**

- Site activation for EDS exercise, December 2 at Southwick Regional School. Mr. FitzGerald and Dr. Azia will attend the exercise.
- Lead Paint Determiner training.
- LEPC

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- Tick Borne Illness Presentation - Mr. FitzGerald will attend a presentation on November 20 given by Dr. Rich, UMass Microbiology Lab.

The next scheduled meeting is December 7, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Pelley, Secretary

cc:  
Select Board  
Town Clerk

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Dr. Jerome Azia, Chairman

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Tom FitzGerald, Health Director

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Sue Brzoska

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Jean Nilsson

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Date