



Board of Health – Town of Spencer
Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Conference Room B
Memorial Town Hall

Board of Health Members present: Dan Shields (Acting Chair), Robert Bradshaw

Board of Health Members absent: Rodney Foisy

Board of Health Agent present: Lee Jarvis

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: June 5, 2017 – *A motion to approve the minutes as written (Shields/Bradshaw) passed 2/0.*

Tobacco Regulations: Mr. Jarvis said he has not received any letters against the regulations. He has received letters of support. Tina Grosowsky, from the Tobacco Free Community Partnership, said they are pleased we are going forward with the regulations and she commended the Board for their efforts with the regulations. Dennis Lane, from the Coalition for Responsible Retailing, said as a store owner, he considers themselves as a gate keeper in keeping tobacco products out of the hands of young people. Mr. Lane spoke about statistics. Ms. Grosowski said mistakes are made due to lack of training or just being busy at the counter. It is up to the retailers to fulfill their responsibilities. David Darren, Chief of Police, said anything that can be done to keep tobacco out of the hands of anyone under 21 should be done. DJ Wilson, from the Mass Municipal Association, gave the Board handouts and discussed them. Ms. Grosowsky commented that pipe tobacco is taxed at a lower rate than cigarette tobacco. The products are cheaper and that's why the kids buy pipe tobacco. Mr. Bradshaw said he would like to continue the vote until Rodney Foisy is present to vote with the Board. *A motion to continue the vote of the Tobacco Regulations to September 11, 2017 (Bradshaw/Shields) passed 2/0.*

74 Cherry Street – Continuation of Animal hearing: Kelly Morse would like to have chickens. Abutting neighbors have been notified. Jeanne Murray, abutter, said she has lived there for 25 years. The chickens are going onto her property and digging down and eating the shrubs. She is also concerned about the chicken droppings on her property. She said the chickens are a nuisance. Kelly Morse, owner of the chickens, said the chickens are just pets. She has not harassed Ms. Murray. Ms. Morse had asked if Ms. Murray had a problem with the chickens and Ms. Murray had responded that she did not mind them. Now that Ms. Morse is trying to get a permit for the chickens, Ms. Murray has a problem. Meredith Smith, neighbor, commented if the chickens are penned then they won't be in the neighbors yards. Mr. Shields said owning any kind of animal is a fluid situation and can always change. Mr. Shields asked if the chickens can be kept in a coop. Ms. Morse said yes, they are in a coop. *A motion to approve the animal license for no more than three (3) chickens (Shields/Bradshaw) passed 2/0.*

68 Borkum Road – Animal hearing: The owners are looking to have three chickens. Mr. Jarvis said they have met all the requirements. *A motion to approve the animal license for no more than three (3) chickens (Shields/Bradshaw) passed 2/0.*

41 Highland Street – Animal hearing: The owners are looking to have three (3) chickens. Mr. Jarvis said they have met all the requirements. *A motion to approve the animal license for no more than three (3) chickens (Bradshaw/Shields) passed 2/0.*

Support for restricting gas pipelines: Mr. Jarvis said we don't get any benefits from gas pipelines lines through Massachusetts. Mr. Shields explained that he is in support of gas pipelines being installed. *A motion to not send a letter in support of gas pipelines (Shields/Bradshaw) passed 2/0.*

Documents reviewed at 8/7/17 Board of Health Meeting

Agenda 8/7/17

Minutes 6/5/17

Tobacco Regulations

Letter from the Tobacco Free Community Partnership – Tina Grosowky

Mass Municipal Association handouts – DJ Wilson

Animal License – 74 Cherry Street

Animal License – 68 Borkum Road

Animal License – 41 Highland Street

A motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. (Shields/Bradshaw) passed 2/0.

Respectfully submitted,



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