



TOWN OF AQUINNAH

BOARD OF HEALTH

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Minutes

Thursday, May 24, 2018
Aquinnah Town Hall, 6pm

Present: James Glavin, Sarah Saltonstall and Juli Vanderhoop

Also Present: Phoenix Becker

Meeting came to order 6:05pm

Juli motioned to accept the 5/3/18 minutes. Jim 2nd. All ayes.

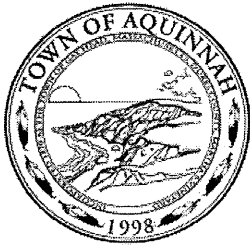
New Business Items for BOH Review and Discussion

The BOH reviewed the Inn Permitting in Town and Phoenix reported that the two inns without permits had now submitted Inn Holders Permit Applications. On the subject of how to handle Inns that serve a breakfast to their guests, Juli suggested that we try to issue a Residential Kitchen Permit for their kitchen. Several section from the 590 State Sanitary Code for Food Establishments were reviewed that specifically addressed food permitting for Bed and Breakfasts and how to define a Bed and Breakfast. They all appeared to support the issuance of a Residential Kitchen permit for the lodging in Town serving breakfast to their guests. Phoenix said that she had spoken to the Fire Chief and he urged the BOH to have permits for the Inns because without them he cannot inter to do his Fire Safety Inspections.

A Contract for Beach Sampling between Andrew Jacobs and the BOH for Aquinnah's beaches was reviewed by the BOH. Everyone agreed it was the best option. Juli motioned to accept the contract. Sarah 2nd. All ayes.

Phoenix explained that Irena Draksic from Mass DPH had notified us that the BOH has to issue a beach permit for every public beach in Town. This is a particular issue for Moshup Beach which is public but is owned by the MV Land Bank. Jim said that he really preferred to keep things simple and this runs counter to that. Sarah did not like the idea of beach permitting. Beach permit fees charged by Tisbury and West Tisbury were reviewed. After some discussion Jim motioned that any public non-town owned beach needs a permit. Juli 2nd. Two ayes, one abstention (Sarah). Jim motioned to set the Bathing Beach Permit Fee at \$25. Juli 2nd. Two ayes, 1 abstention (Sarah).

An application for the Septic Repair Loan Program was on the agenda, but Phoenix explained that something had gone wrong with the ad that was supposed to run in the Gazette and the ad did not run. Jim said we still need to give it a period to be advertised so the public is made aware of the program. It was decided to table until the ad had run for two weeks.



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The permit application for Orange Peel Bakery was on the agenda. Phoenix said that she was hoping to have a complete application with Certificate of Allergy Awareness and Menu by now. Juli said that she was working on it.

A letter from the Tribal Historic Preservation Office regarding Lane Gerhard's property was reviewed by the BOH. Juli said that the Tribe is concerned about an archeological site there. Sarah noted that they are putting in a well.

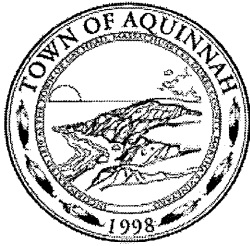
Old Business Review of Board of Health Regulation

Jim said that he thought it was important to obtain an air conditioner for the BOH office before the summer, because it was too hot last summer. Jim asked Phoenix to speak to Jay about it and if Jay did not have one then buy an air conditioner.

Jim asked what the status was of the attempt to buy an Emergency Radio for the BOH office. Phoenix reported that she had spoken to Gary Robinson and Chuck Continour and they recommended a radio used by the Fire and Police Departments. Then spoken to Bardwell Electronics who were concerned that it was not the right radio to communicate with MEMA. Randhi had helped contact MEMA for the BOH and learned that we would need a special MEMA radio to reach them on the mainland. That special kind of radio would cost \$2000, to get one that also had the local Emergency Radio functions would cost \$3000. That is more than we have in the budget, and we might be able to apply for an emergency preparedness grant in the future. Randhi gave the BOH an old MEMA radio from 2006, we don't know if it works and it is not the mobile kind. Jim said that he felt it was important to get a local emergency radio like the Fire and Police Departments use, it does not have all functions but we can afford it. Sarah asked what for? Jim said he was concerned about a scenario where Hariffs Bridge washes out leaving Aquinnah cut off and without communications. Juli said Randi is getting a special line put in. Jim said the phones go out when the power is out, in the last storm even Verizon went out. Sarah expressed concern about the elderly in an emergency event. Jim said the BOH has disaster responsibilities and I want to be able to call an ambulance in an emergency or call the Coast Guard. Juli and Sarah, OK get the radio. Juli motioned to buy the radio. Sarah 2nd. All ayes.

Phoenix asked to buy Outlook software for the BOH laptop to improve email communications issues. Jim said it does not cost much, go ahead and get Outlook.

Sarah said that she would like to look into if Jay's sheds could move to the LDO to make room to ease parking issues at Town Hall. Jim, is there room at the LDO? Sarah said she would like to avoid spending so much on a parking study. Jim asked if Juli could find out what is in the sheds? Jim said OK I will look.



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Phoenix informed the BOH that Natalie has continued to have problems with people who ignore her requests to not put non-recyclables in the recycling and throw things in right after she told them not to. It is becoming more than Natalie can do to pick it all out. Natalie has asked if she can fine people for ignoring the recycling rules. Jim said she can't fine them, but she can ban them from the dump. Jim commented that the changes to recycling are becoming a nightmare.

Phoenix reported on communications with Rev. Leo for the Church about their attempt to get a composting toilet. Jim said they need to get an engineer. They can come and hear it from the Board directly.

Phoenix informed the BOH that Sarah Thulin from Conservation Commission came in and spoke with her about Dan Levitt's Septic Upgrade request to go from three bedrooms to four bedrooms. Sarah Thulin said she did not want to set on the BOH, but wanted to express that ConCom would like it maintained at three bedrooms because of the tight setbacks and because the wetlands are so dominant. She offered that Jim or any of the BOH members could call her to discuss it.

Health Agents Report

The next BOH meeting was scheduled for June 14th at 6 pm.

Jim asked Phoenix to let Reid know we are meeting on June 14th so he can start advertising for Levitt's Public Hearing. Also inform Sarah Thulin that the Levitt property is on the agenda and ask if she could provide a note stating ConCom's concerns about expanding the bedrooms.

Juli motioned to adjourn the BOH meeting, Sarah seconded. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Approved:

Submitted by: Phoenix Becker