

Board of Health

Public Meeting

July 6, 2006

Caucus Hall

5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jerry Anathan, Tom Gaudreau, Duane Gregory, Ken Janson, and Dr. John Livingstone.

Members Absent: none

Health Agent: Jane Evans

Health Inspector: Brian Carlson

Others: Ruth Ann Cowing, Animal Control Officer

AGENDA

Motion: The Board will take Ruth Ann Cowing (the animal control officer) out of order as soon as she arrives, to discuss the recent rabies incident.

Motion: DG Seconded: KJ Vote: 5-0-0

Public Comments

There were none.

Old Business

22 Bradford Street

Administrative Consent Order

Since no one was in attendance from 22 Bradford Street:

A motion was made to take New Business out of order.

Motion: DG Seconded: JA 5-0-0

New Business

Len Fratangelo

New Massage Therapist

Brian reported that all the paper work was in order.

Motion: Grant a new massage therapist license to Len Fratangelo with a reminder that no outside massages are allowed.

Motion: Jerry Anathan Seconded: Ken Janson Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion: Approve 97 Bradford Street (Len Fratangelo's home) as a business license for massage.

Motion: Jerry Anathan Seconded: Tom Gaudreau Vote: 5-0-0.

Andre LeBlanc, Jr

New Massage Therapist

Brian reported that Mr. LeBlanc's paper work was in order, with the exception of proof of insurance.

Motion: Approved new massage therapist license for Andre LeBlanc, Jr. pending receipt of his insurance certificate.

Motion: Ken Janson Seconded: Jerry Anathan Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion: Take discussion item out of order - vote: 5-0-0.

Ruth Ann Cowing had arrived.

Ruth Ann reported she had had no interaction with woman who had been bitten by the raccoon. Because the raccoon was captured later in a different location, the Animal Control Officer can't state positively that it was the same one.

Ruth Ann informed the Board that even though they're nocturnal animals, if they have babies the mother and babies will be out during the day. Plus – we've encroached on their habitats so the animals have fewer places to go. There are no more skunks because they have been taken out by distemper. She feels the sick animal that was caught was the one who did the biting. When she caught the raccoon it was rushing toward her. If a wild animal doesn't run from you – then that is a good indicator that they are sick.

She still has no idea who the other people were. Possibly two or three more people were exposed the same night but they haven't come forward.

Dr. Livingstone wondered if there was any feedback from the physician who treated the woman? Ruth Ann said she had only spoken to the husband of the woman who said she was being treated. Dr. Livingstone felt it might be valuable to track the woman through her physician. Probably not possible due to patient confidentiality.

Tom Gaudreau asked how long for the anti-rabies bait to take effect? - No answer. Janet Martin from Tufts is coordinating efforts in this area.

Duane Gregory wondered if we should have more warning signs around town.

John's concern is the dogs of visitors. Many are off leash and this may be something to think about. We should find a way to inform visitors of the danger of loose dogs.

Ruth said that ways of ridding an area of raccoons would be to 1) soak rags in ammonia and leave in the invaded area, and 2) sprinkle moth balls around generously. Anywhere you have trash, woodpiles, etc. are inviting. They like warm, dark, and quiet. Transistor radios being played all night are another way to rid an area of raccoon infestations.

Duane felt that maybe we should put something together for the press. Brian Carlson will follow-up on that suggestion.

5 Conwell Street – Silva's Rentals

Camps, Cabins & Motels

Ken Janson stepped down. Mr. Silva said his license was seasonal but he will be renting it by the week now.

Motion: Approve the Camps, Cabins & Motel license for 5 Conwell St.

Motion: John Livingstone Seconded: Tom Gaudreau Vote: 4-0-0.

15 Conant Street

Administrative Consent Order

A postponement was requested by the applicant.

14 Prince Street

Administrative Consent Order

Duane Gregory stepped down. Terry Ryder, an engineer from Ryder & Wilcox Engineering, representing the owner, Henry Corley, presented the request for an Administrative Consent Order. He informed the Board that 14 Prince Street has adequate space on the lot for an unvarianced 5 bedroom septic system and presented plans to back this up. Sewer regulations state that a dwelling can increase

the number of bedrooms and obtain a betterment for that number as long as it can be proven that an unvarianced septic system for the increase can be located on the property. Ken Janson wondered if this meets ZBA's criteria? This does not preclude the need to go through Growth Management to obtain the increase in bedrooms. John wondered when a sewer connection would be available in this area and was told that hopefully within a year. The ACO allows them to have a quick fix if the system fails. The septic system inspection report indicates that the existing septic system is functioning as intended.

Motion: Approve the request for the ACO.

Motion: Jerry Anathan Seconded: Tom Gaudreau Vote: 4-0-0.

12 Holway Avenue

Title 5 variance and Administrative Consent Order

Two owners accompanied William Rogers, II who presented the case to the BoH. They need two variances as they are in a very low lying area. After a discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion: Recommend approval of the requested variances provided that a deed restriction limiting the number of bedrooms to the existing five be recorded at the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds and proof of recording provided to the health agent prior to issuance of the septic system installation permit.

Motion: Ken Janson Seconded: Jerry Anathan Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion: Approve the request for the ACO for 12 Holway Avenue Motion: John Livingstone Seconded: Jerry Anathan Vote: 5-0-0.

14 Johnson Street

Title 5 variance

Rainer Horn, the new owner, accompanied Emily Beebe who presented the plan to the BoH. The plan will provide roughly 90 percent of the leaching capacity requirement. It will be a guest house and they already have their license.

Motion: Recommend approval of plan with requested variances with a deed restriction limiting the number of bedrooms to the existing five. This restriction must be recorded at the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds and proof of recording provided to the health agent prior to issuance of a septic system installation permit.

**Motion: John Livingstone Seconded: Jerry Anathan
Vote: 4-0-1 ab (KJ)**

Old Business – 22 Bradford Street

Jane recommended approval.

Motion: Approve the request for the ACO for 22 Bradford St.

Motion: Ken Janson Seconded: Jerry Anathan Vote: 5-0-0.

Bangs Street Ext.

William N. Rogers – Plan Review

No plan ready for discussion at this time.

Approval of Minutes for June 15, 2006

Motion: Approve the minutes of the June 15th meeting.

Motion: Jerry Anathan Seconded: Ken Janson Vote: 5-0-0

Any other business that shall properly come before the Board

Jerry Anathan would love to see guesthouses set out a rabies info pamphlet.

Dr. Livingstone, once again, stated his concerns by saying that he thinks it's important to follow-through on the rabies bite; JL would like to suggest that something official comes from the Dr. treating the person. JL also said - "How about crafting something that is "user-friendly" for guests to read?"

Jerry said - maybe a slogan - "Keep our Town clean and rabies-free."

Jane suggested - "Keep your pets safe." Ken suggested contacting Provincetown Magazine

Brian – maybe we can get something about rabies on our town web page?

In conclusion – Brian will be drafting something simple for publication.

Jane suggested a one-page bulleted information sheet on rabies.

Health Agent's and Health Inspector's Reports

Jane Evans reported that she has had a lot of complaints about the Grand Union Super Market. She called the district manager in NY and they have a whole list of proposals, i.e., a new floor machine, a new full service holder for deli parts. Also, they will be updating a lot of their equipment. They have engaged a full time day porter whose only job will be cleaning bathrooms and floors. The district manager said that meetings are scheduled for next week with department managers. They have 20K patrons each week and sometimes – on a holiday week – 40K.

Jane also said she's inundated with ACOs.

HA had one overflow on 15 Central Street. The owner stated that he was dying and couldn't care less about this problem. Jane handled the problem by having the septic pumped. The owner has since passed away.

The Health Agent will not be attending the August 24th meeting.

Brian Carlson gave the BoH a recap of what is going on in MA. Measles are all in the Boston area. Measles vaccinations were given to 160 at the vaccination clinic. Michael Shays had 15 employees vaccinated. - The state pays for this.

Brian will be doing an emergency preparatory workshop soon – no definite date. Duane would like Brian to put it in the paper.

Board Members' Statements

Jerry will not be here at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Gaudiano

Approved by _____ on _____, 2006.
Duane Gregory, Chair