

**Minutes for  
Town of Hanson  
Board of Health Meeting  
Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

Meeting Start Time: 4:00pm

Place: Second Floor Hearing room

Hanson Town Hall, 542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Having a quorum, Ms. Dias called the meeting to order at 4:03pm

Present: Ms. Dias, Mr. Amado, Mr. Killeen & Ms. Cocio

**NEW BUSINESS**

**I. New Business:**

1. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 4:00pm.
2. Sharps disposal – Annette Stavrou came before the Board to discuss the disposal of sharps. Currently residents are sent to Hanover Fire Department for disposal. Ms. Stavrou does not think it is right that a Hanson resident has to dispose of sharps in another town. Ms. Dias has been looking into obtaining a sharps container to be located at the Transfer Station. She has received a quote from one sharps collection company and is waiting to hear from one or two more. Ms. Dias assured Ms. Stavrou that it is a top priority to have this program up and running as soon as possible.
3. Robin Sparda-Curran of 23 Monroe Street came before the Board to discuss Horse regulations. The Board of Health received a complaint regarding horses at her home. 3 horses are located on the property. No horse permit has been ever been issued. Current and original regulation states the following “No permit for a stable for a single horse shall be issued unless the lot of land on which the stable is erected or is to be erected contains at least 25,000 square feet of “usable land” for the horse. No such permit shall be issued for two (2) horses to be kept on any lot of land that contains less than 30,000 square feet of “usable land” for the horses nor for three (3) or (4) horses on any lot of land that contains less than 50,000 square feet of “usable land” for the horses, and for each additional horse an additional 10,000 square feet of land shall be necessary. Any large population of horses, five (5) or more shall be housed away from nearby populations within the town boundaries in areas approved by the Board of Health”. The property consists of 14418 sf. The current horse regulations were mailed to Ms. Curran. Ms. Curran believes she does not need a permit because she had horses prior to the current regulation. However, the current regulation was an update to regulations that were enacted in 1974. Ms. Curran will complete an application and submit prior to our meeting on February 7, 2017. A copy of the original regulation will be sent to Ms. Currans’ attorney.

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4. Betterment Loan – Shawn Bailey from Old Colony Planning Council came before the Board to discuss the Betterment Loan program. The program has no additional funding and will be put on hold until such time that more funding is available. If the program were to continue, the interest rate would need to be increased to 5%.
5. Septic Plans before the Board for review
  - a. **12 Hill Street** — Mr. Amado made a motion to approve the submitted plan with the following variance
    - i. Allow the proposed SAS to be 5' from a property line instead of the 10' required.
    - ii. Allow the proposed SAS to be 13' from a cellar wall instead of the 20' required.
    - iii. Allow the proposed septic tank to be 5' from a cellar wall instead of 10' required.
    - iv. Allow the proposed SAS to be greater than 3' below finish grade but not more than 6' at the north west corner of SAS.The Board required the addition of a barrier to the plan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Killeen, Unanimous 3-0.
6. Chairwoman's Report
  - a. The Health Agent resigned her position on January 8, 2017.
  - b. There have been several complaints regarding Transfer Station personnel. Complaints pertain to yelling at residents and rude behavior in general.
  - c. 422 Whitman Street –Septic installed in 2006, no occupancy permit was issued. COC was never signed because pump was never tested due to lack of electricity. Title V conducted in August, 2016, conditional pass because pump could not be tested, no electricity. Board did sign letters dated October 20, 2015 and February 23, 2016 for original permit request which were to enlarge current rooms and add a bathroom as well as a full foundation with variance for distance to existing septic tank. Building permit should not have been issued without a passing Title V. The Board was not made aware that the property did not have a passing Title V. Updated floor plan should be submitted. A stop work order should be sent to the Building department until such time as a passing Title V is received and an updated floor plan is submitted and reviewed.
  - d. The Transfer Station will be hiring for 1 or 2 positions. It will be advertised in the Hanson Express.

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7. Speedway Gas Station had a water heater leak that flooded the storage area. Upon inspection, food was found stored on the floor and pesticides stored with food. They were told to clean up and reorganize the storage. All food must be stored at least 6" above the floor. Food cannot be stored with chemicals of any kind. Several food items were expired. Another inspection will be conducted.
8. E-Waste – RMG is a company out of Nashua, NH that can handle our e-waste and pickup costs can be shared with Abington, Rockland and Whitman. Contracted cost is .19 per lb plus a portion of transportation costs split between 4 towns.
9. The Board will be attending the ConCom meeting tonight to discuss the septic plans for Camp Kiwanee. ConCom meeting will be opened and then continued as the town engineer informed the Board that he will need to re-work the plan as all bids came in way over budget.
10. Clarification of Open Meeting Law - The Town Clerk said no Board of Health issues can be discussed between 2 or more members of the Board unless they are in a posted meeting.
11. Mr. Amado made a motion to recess to BOH office until 7:00pm Concom meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Killeen 6:17pm
  - a. See Concom minutes for Camp Kiwanee discussion.

II. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mr. Amado, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Killeen.

Unanimous 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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Arlene Dias  
Chairman

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Gilbert Amado  
Vice-Chair

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Patrick Killeen  
Member