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Board of Health (BOH) held a meeting at the Town of East Bridgewater Town Offices, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA in Conference Room First Floor. BOH Members present – Lisa Lesogor (LL) Chair, Robert Lyons (RL) Vice Chair and Tom Duquette Jr. (TD) Clerk. Also in attendance, Jeanmarie Joyce (JJ) Health Agent and Sandra Abban (SA) Administrative Assistant.

Chair, LL called the meeting to Order at 5:05 PM.

Chair, LL stated there were no hearings.

Chair, LL stated there were three appointments scheduled.

5:15p.m. - William Matthews, 433 West Union Street – Rat infestation Concerns

Mr. Matthews from 432 West Union Street stated his concerns to the board about an abutting property regarding rat infestation and the impact it is having on his property and quality of life.

Chair, LL stated to Mr. Matthews the Town of East Bridgewater does not have a by-law requiring property owners to maintain their properties to certain standards nor does the town have a rat eradication program. Chair, LL discussed the process of getting a by-law in front of the Board of Selectmen for review if Mr. Matthews so chooses to pursue.

Chair, LL asked the board of health department to investigate surrounding towns to see if they have an eradication program and to let the board know the findings at the next meeting, March 20, 2023.

The Board and Health Agent stated an action plan will take place via a letter to the owners of 433 West Union Street asking to come on property for an inspection. The Health Agent, JJ, will copy Mr. Matthews on the letter and will follow-up with Mr. Matthews after the inspection takes place.

5:30p.m. - George Collins, 625 Bedford St – Variance request

Health Agent, JJ discussed 625 Bedford St requested variances LUA: sieve test in leu of perc, LUA: 15.211 17' from foundation to S.A.S: 20' requirement, LUA: 15.211 13' from S.A.S to wetlands: 50' requirement, LUA: 15.212 3' to S.A.S from max groundwater 4' required.

Health Agent, JJ confirmed to the board the wet land line and application was approved by the Conservation Commission on February 15, 2023.

George Collins from Collins Engineering discussed 625 Bedford St the existing system is in the groundwater and the proposed location is the only area that has natural suitable soils. Requiring de-nitrification is a marked improvement from the existing system without installing a tight tank system. He also stated to the board, the board approved the exact system for 1517 Washington St in May of 2022 and again with 28-30 Keith Place in November of 2022.

The board asked questions regarding the Operation and Maintenance Contract, how it will be enforced and how will the Town of East Bridgewater and abutters be informed of the contract being followed or broken.

George Collins sited the process of the Operation and Maintenance Contract with the inspection company and the process if the contract is ever broken and how the Town of East Bridgewater will be informed.

LL made a motion to approve as submitted 625 Bedford St requested variances LUA: sieve test in leu of perc, LUA: 15.211 17' from foundation to S.A.S: 20' requirement, LUA: 15.211 13' from S.A.S to wetlands: 50' requirement, LUA: 15.212 3' to S.A.S from max groundwater 4' required. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5:45p.m. – Robert Buker, to discuss Halifax Public Health Excellence Grant (HPHEG) and Relevant Application

Bob Buker, Town of Halifax Board of Health, Shared Service Coordinator discussed with the board the history of the HPHEG group, what communities are involved and how best they can serve each town by providing cross jurisdictional inspectors.

Bob Buker also discussed with the board the new Relevant Inspectional Software that the HPHEG group will be implementing as of March 2023. He stated this software has been purchased and will be maintained with a three-year grant projected to be funded indefinitely. He stated Relevant interacts with DPH, OLRH and all the new state mandates. The grant will provide one mini-iPad, software license for health agent and admin staff.

Ryan McGonigle, Technology Director, asked questions pertaining to funding, who will own the data, what is the anticipated go live date and if off-line inspections will be available.

Bob Buker ensured the board and Ryan that funding will be secured through the grant, data will be owned by each individual town, an anticipated go live date will be end of March 2023 and off-line inspections will be available to the health agents.

Action Items:

Payment of Bills

RL made a motion to approve Amazon, Invoice #1FQK-1GDD-H1R4, Amount \$21.99, office supplies, Crystal Rock, Invoice #1016063012123, Amount \$5.29, water, Jeanmarie Joyce, Mileage December 2022 – February 2023, Amount \$255.48, Jeanmarie Joyce, postage for housing certified mail, Amount \$24.63, Jeanmarie Joyce, Post Office Sign Receipts for Housing, 147 Thayer (tenant), 225 Bedford St (Deng), Amount \$25.03. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – January 23, 2023

TD made a motion to approve the minutes from February 6, 2023, as drafted. RL seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Disposal System Construction Permits

RL made a motion to approve as submitted 66 Forest Trail – Variance requests: - LUA: Section 310 CMR 15.212 – 3' to S.A.S. from max groundwater 4' required, LUA: Section 310 CMR 15.277 requires a minimum 12" vertical separation a variance allowing a reduction from 12" to a minimum of 4" is requested. LUA: DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-Poo-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis is requested. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Food Establishments

RL made a motion to approve Tatami Restaurant and Sushi Bar, 118 North Bedford St – Sushi Variance TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Body Art Practitioners

TD made a motion to approve 2023 Mass Ink, Practitioner Permit – Patricia Pol. RL seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Installer License

RL made a motion to approve Disposal Works Installer's Licenses for Louis Labate as submitted. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Hauler Permit

RL made a motion to approve EL Harvey & Sons, 1166 Shawmut Ave, New Bedford MA 02745 Hauler Permit for January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board discussed Republic Services refuse hauler permit fee and all other private contractors doing business in the Town of East Bridgewater.

RL made a motion to charge Republic Services a refuse hauler permit fee as a private contractor doing business in the Town of East Bridgewater. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Betterment Loan Application

RL made a motion to approve 2045 Washington Street, Peter, and Madelyn Uzzo Betterment Loan Application. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BOH Annual Report and Mission Statement

Board signed the 2022 BOH Annual Report and Mission Statement as submitted.

Discussion:

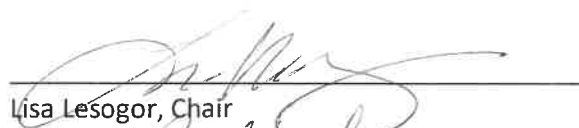
Health Agent Updates as noted (see attachment)

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

- Health Agent, JJ updated the board on the Robbins Pond Area dam breach.
- Board was updated on the Annual Town Rabies Clinic being held at the COA on Monday, June 5, 2023 5-7pm with a rain date of June 6th, 2023.

RL made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. TD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

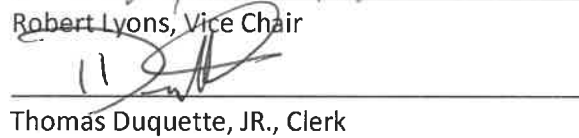
Respectfully Submitted,



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This document is a summary of the events from the BOH meeting. For a detailed recording, please see the Town of East Bridgewater's website. Go to [EBCAM Video On Demand - East Bridgewater Community Access Media \(eb-cam.org\)](http://EBCAM Video On Demand - East Bridgewater Community Access Media (eb-cam.org)) type in the Search bar – Board of Health – Click on Search.

Health Agent Update

Date: March 6, 2023

1. **Site Assessments**(ob/percs/etc) – 67 Folsom Ave
2. **Repairs-** for approval-66 Forest Trail Road
3. **Systems under construction** Repair-, 130 Brenda Ave, 98 Hayward St., 20 Porter Farm Rd, 753 Plymouth St, 560 Thatcher St, 149 Walnut Street, and 2045 Washington Street.
4. **New Construction-**1792 Central Street.
5. **Food Inspections-** Due to a broken water main resulting in no or insufficient water pressure, and/or infiltration of groundwater in the potable water lines. Standish Grill, Tatami's, Dunkin Donuts (Bedford St), Perfectly Flavorah, Mary Lou's on Bedford Street were all visited or contacted and discussed options for staying open when the water was shut off and the necessity of flushing lines and filters after repair. Plans acceptable on all parties, water was shut off for a time on the next day.

Routine Food Inspections were done at Honey Dew Donuts and Hi-Low Gas. Honey Dew had a follow up due to a clogged hand wash sink.

Variance Request- Tatami's has been offering sushi but there is no record of the variance from Federal Food Code/MA food Code being issued. His application is before you to grant the required variance from Time/temperature control to use acidified rice. It is specialized preparation and requires a variance from the local Board of Health.

6. **Housing** Ongoing concerns for 147 Thayer. They do not agree with the decision of the Board to close the Housing Case. Housing Inspection due to heat and lock. Also 17 West Union Street. Frozen water pipe destroyed bathroom and bedroom walls, floors and struts. Landlord has been slow to respond, Apartment is not livable due to damage to electrical, bathroom and heat. Four apartments in the building, only 1 affected.
7. **FY24 Budget** -The FY24 draft Budget has been corrected (Public Health Nurse line item) distributed. Awaiting decision from Finance Committee. No word from Capital Improvements on request for fencing repair. Both are still going through departmental review (of other department's budgets)
8. **Betterments-**
 - 572 Bedford St Loan Agreement and Notice is before the Board to Sign
 - 2045 Washington Street Loan Agreement and Notice is before the Board to Sign.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanmarie Joyce, Health Agent