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BOARD OF HEALTH
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A meeting of the Board of Health was held in Conference Room F, Municipal Center, 30 Providence Road, Grafton, MA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin, Chairman; Deborah A. Chouinard, Vice Chairman; Richard J. Kirejczyk, Clerk; and Philip E. Dumas, Member
Jay Gardiner was not in attendance.

Also in attendance: Megan DeNubila and Philip Leger of CMRPHA; Mark Vessella and Theresa Cori RE: 133A Worcester Street; Attorney Valerio Romano and Robert Carr of Nature's Remedy

A motion was made by Mr. Dumas to open the meeting at 6:00 P.M., seconded by Mr. Kirejczyk; unanimously passed.

CMRPHA Update

Mr. Leger updated the Board:

- May food inspections are more than one-half completed
- office hours seem to be going well so far
- computer kiosk for intake of complaints in the Health Office will need to be addressed with Mr. McNerney
- Pepperoni Express - unsure if it had been inspected again since the last meeting
- Village Dairy was sent a cease and desist of selling hard ice cream only because they are not permitted and do not have a 3-bay sink

Administration

- Nikki Nixon, MS, has been hired as an Epidemiologist
- Alliance Survey – survey monkey sent to all Board of Health Members, administrative support staff and Town Managers in the Alliance was developed by their quality improvement consultant to identify any gaps, successes and areas for improvement. The survey link is unique to each person that received the email and will be opened on May 9th
- The next Quarterly Alliance Meeting will be in Shrewsbury on June 15th

Environmental Health (EH)

- Julie VanArsdalen has been promoted to Regional Public Health Coordinator and is now the number 2 person in the EH team behind the Chief
- The EH team continues training
- The EH team now has operations center at 25 Meade Street

Community Health (CH)

- Creating the 2016 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is midway through. The Partnership for Racial and Ethnic Health Equity has reviewed the draft CHIP and has made recommendations regarding how CMRPHA can promote health equity through the plan. Community Health staff are in the process of using all of the community input to write a comprehensive plan
- The Worcester Regional Tobacco Control Program held their annual meeting on to discuss activities, successes and challengers for FY16 as well as having a discussion on future funding and updates on current trends in use by youth
- WDPH is assisting Grafton in developing improvement strategies in response to their Community Health Assessment. The Coalition for a Healthy Grafton has been meeting monthly. The behavioral group held a meeting on May 3rd at the High School
- May communications will be focused around Mental Health Awareness Month, Bay State Bike Week (May 14th – May 22nd) and National Nurses week (May 6th – May 12th)

Emergency Preparedness (EP)

- MEMA is hosting a Hurricane Conference May 26th
- HAM Radio training will be held
- April Tufts IBC meeting was cancelled
- Staff attended the April 21st Blackstone Valley Regional Emergency Planning Committee Meeting (BVREPC) at the Grafton EOC. The Committee is in the process of applying for certification through MEMA

Nursing (PHN)

- Replacement vaccine refrigerator has been selected and will be purchased once funding is obtained.
- The first check from Commonwealth Medicine for the Influenza Clinics held in the Fall of 2015 should have been received

Mark Vessella / 36 Magnolia Lane

Mr. Vessella was before the Board regarding his property at 133 Worcester Street that he is selling so he can purchase 36 Magnolia Lane. A Title 5 inspection was performed and resulted in a conditional pass due to needing a new distribution box. The distribution box was replaced; however, the Supplemental Regulations state you must tie into the municipal sewer system upon transfer of a property. In going thru the file it was noted that the sewer line was available in 2003 and they purchased their unit in 2005 in which Mr. Vessella stated he cannot afford to tie into the municipal sewer due to the purchasing of 36 Magnolia. A motion was made by Mr. Kirejczyk to grant the requested Wavier to the mandatory sewer connection, seconded by Mr. Dumas; unanimously passed.

Mr. Kirejczyk made a motion to amend the existing Supplemental Regulations to state if an existing septic system was still functioning and passed Title 5 inspection you do not need to tie into the municipal sewer system, seconded by Mr. Dumas; unanimously passed. This will need to be placed on a future agenda as a discussion item.

June, July, August Meeting Schedule

The following meeting dates were set: June 13, July 11 and August 8

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Minutes – April 11, 2016

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to accept the Minutes of April 11, 2016 as written, seconded by Mr. Kirejczyk; unanimously passed.

To Be Signed

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to pay bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Dumas; unanimously passed.

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Hobbs & Warren	\$ 73.00
Holden Landmark Corp.	36.00
UNIVAR USA Inc.	8,527.20
Verizon Wireless	79.98
W B Mason Co. Inc.	228.00
Richard J. Kirejczyk	44.82

Letter confirming Brian Szczurko Alternate Health Agent and Alternate Title 5 Agent.

PORTABLE TOILET PERMIT

61 Main Street / Mill Villages Park / Town of Grafton

POOL / SPA LICENSE:

Pointe Rok Drive / Pointe Rok Condominium Trust

SOLID WASTE HAULERS LICENSE:

Keller Rubbish

PERMITS TO OPERATE A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT:

Art Bradish Stand

Juniper Farms Ice Cream

DISPOSAL SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

18 Old Westboro Road / Norman & Kelly Magowan

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to grant the requested Local Upgrade Approval for 1.) 15.405(1)(g) reduction of well / system offset from 100' to 82' and 2.) reduction of 12-inch separation between inlet and outlet tees and high groundwater. Due to existing well being less than 100' from the proposed system the well water should be annually tested for Title 5 parameters and results submitted to the Board of Health, seconded by Mr. Dumas; unanimously passed. The Disposal System Construction Permit was signed.

Public Hearing – Proposed Amendments to Tobacco Regulations

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to open the Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Tobacco Regulations, seconded by Mr. Dumas; unanimously passed. Mrs. Gwozdowski Gauvin read the Legal Notice. Mr. Leger gave a quick overview of the updates including: Tobacco 21, ban on flavored and blunt wraps, no sales within 500 feet of healthcare facilities and restricting single sales to name a few.

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- Megan questioned the ‘sundown’ clause and retiring a permit if no other retailer picks it up within the time frame to which the Board felt the sundown clause would not be necessary
- Signage will be provided by Tobacco Alliance, provided by the inspector, who brings signage and also educates the retailers on the changes
- Liquid nicotine containers – must provide written disposal plan
- Child resistant packaging for liquid or gel nicotine containers
- Discussed fine changes since the age is going up (\$300.00)
- Compliance checks (already funded) will still be 16-17 year olds
- Grafton can conduct their own checks with someone closer to 21 years old (will need own funding) – Megan will need to update Grafton
- Next step will be need to have the Board vote on final regulation and pick an implementation date
- Senate passed State version other towns are looking at this also

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to close the Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M., seconded by Mr. Dumas; unanimously passed.

Correspondence / Mail

The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence and mail.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to place the meeting on hold at 7:07 P.M. to wait for the 7:30 P.M. appointment, seconded by Mr. Dumas; unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to re-open the meeting at 7:30 P.M., seconded by Mr. Dumas; unanimously passed.

Nature’s Remedy of Massachusetts – Marijuana Dispensary

Mr. Carr provided a background on himself and work that goes into medical marijuana in Massachusetts. He chose Grafton because it is centrally located and available with clear property to be developed.

Attorney Romano with VGR Law Firm worked with and is working with multiple clients for medical marijuana. In the slide presentation was an overview of the key management team and history of State application process.

Nature’s Remedy

- In siting profile phase with the State
- Need to get letter of support or non-opposition
- They already met with Planning, Tim McInerney, Doug Willardson, Conservation and Chief Crepeau
- Provided brief overview of medical marijuana studies

Security: Retailer

- certification required with ongoing doctor/patient relationship provided background on doctor and patient requirements
- provided steps needed to get into building, run checks on patients, acknowledgment form for patient, consultation on strains and ingestion, purchase, no onsite consumption

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- vault stores cash and product
- police can take look and feed from cameras
- cultivation is tightly controlled
- workers background checks (multiple avenues)
- Local law enforcement to review security procedures
- State restrictions of certain amount of sites has been removed
- Wants to hire locally
- Community Host Agreement per Regulation (if Town wants)
- Will deliver to Grafton citizens (two people, live GPS manifest, cannot dentate, laptop only)
- Letter of support or non-opposition will likely not be part of application process next year
- Hours to be determined
- Also has an application in Westford for dispensary (would grow in Grafton for both dispensaries)
- Looking parcel in Centech Park

Next Meeting

June 13, 2016

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouard to adjourn at 8:12 P.M., seconded by Mr. Dumas; unanimously passed.

A TRUE COPY,
ATTEST:

 Karen Gnordowski Gawwin
for

Richard J. Kirejczyk, Clerk