

Scituate Board of Health Meeting
February 6, 2017
Scituate Town Hall- Selectman's Hearing Room
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Steve Pansey, Chairman
Mr. Doug Whyte, BOH Member
Mr. Russell Clark, BOH Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Jennifer Keefe, Director, Public Health
Ms. Joan Schmid, Health Department

Mr. Pansey called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Acceptance of the Agenda- A motion was made and seconded with all in favor of accepting the agenda.

Scheduled Items:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

New Board of Health Administrative Assistant

The Board welcomed the new Board of Health Administrative Assistant, Joan Schmid.

Directors Report

Ms. Keefe gave an update on the following items:

- There are several environmental releases that are ongoing at this time. There was a sewer release on the Driftway which was repaired. Reporting is ongoing and with good progress. Ms. Keefe is working with the management company, the owner, managers, MassDEP and other departments that have been involved. There is also a release at the intersection of Mann Lot and 3A and she is currently working with MassDEP and all responsible parties on investigation and mediation. This has been ongoing in last two weeks.
- Ms. Keefe will be attending the MHOA (Massachusetts Health Offices Association) education seminar on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. MHOA with MassDEP gives Title 5 updates for the year, case studies and problem solving for Title 5. Claire Golden, MassDEP, will be giving presentations on technical issues in Title 5 and this will be very valuable. The seminar is directed mostly to health agents but soil evaluators and staff engineers also attend.
- There is a mid-year grant report due by the end of the February for the reporting of the Scituate Hoarding Response Team. There are several items that have resulted from this grant in the past six months. This grant has supported two facilitator led support groups for people that struggle with clutter and who voluntarily want to participate. There is a plan to conduct a community education program, possibility in March.
- There are a number of nuisance cases the team is working on with three where progress is particularly slow. There is ongoing participation with Ms. Keefe and other departments to try to facilitate quicker response to clean up the locations.

- Permitting- There has been very good progress in the permitting department in the past two weeks. One application was received today and a permit was issued. Currently she is working on permitting for rubbish removal and improved permitting for the food establishments. The majority of outstanding permits are for seasonal establishments that may not require permits at this time. There has been communication with the seasonal establishments to request an idea of when they plan on opening and the office can be ready to permit these establishments. A Board member asked when they are usually permitted and Ms. Keefe informed the members that they generally are permitted in May. The seasonal establishments all know what they need to provide in terms of permitting.
- There are currently twelve known septic system failures. At the last meeting there were eleven. On the positive side there are two very close to closure. One has been connected to town sewer and waiting for all of the required septic abandonment documentation for confirmation. A system that Ms. Keefe had been working on for two and half years will be installed this week. This will be closure on one very lengthy case.
- No other updates at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrative invoices approvals were accepted and signed. It was noted that perc tests have slowed down a little in the past two weeks due to the weather. The Board offered their support if needed to the new Administrative Assistant.

Meeting Minutes Approvals- none at this time

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made and seconded with all in favor. 6:15pm

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

Meeting agenda

Administrative Invoices