

Weston Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2018
1:00pm – 3:00pm
Weston Town Hall
Lower Conference Room

Present: Dr. David Kominz, Chair
Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro, Member
Wendy Diotalevi, R.S., Public Health Director
Beth Ann Boles, R.S., Health Agent

Others: Liz Steel, Laura Azzam, Michael Sullivan, David Schofield

I. **1:10pm : Discussion of Fracked Gas Infrastructure (FGI)**

Weston Resident, Liz Steel came before the Board to ask for their support in signing a letter to Governor Baker requesting that comprehensive health impact assessments be required for any new gas infrastructure in MA. Ms. Steel provided the Board information regarding the impacts and health risks of fracked gas. Currently 53 Communities have signed this letter to the Governor.

After discussion, the Board recognizes the dangers in fracking and supports the letter with the exception to the 5th paragraph discussing that natural gas pipelines pose a threat to human health and the environment.

Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro made a motion that the Weston Board of Health supports the letter removing the fifth paragraph on the first page. Dr. David Kominz second the motion. A letter will be provided to Ms. Steel with the revisions. Motion carries.

II. **1:30pm: 3 Pembroke Rd. – Title 5 Local Upgrade Approvals Requested**

Michael Sullivan, R.S. of Sullivan, Connors & Associates, came before the Board to request the following Local Upgrade Approvals for 3 Pembroke Rd:

- Cover over tanks is greater than 3ft (5ft proposed).
- Leach field separation to Town Right of Way (R.O.W.) less than 10ft (5ft proposed).
- Leach field separation to foundation less than 20ft (15ft proposed)

The house currently has a failing septic system. The proposed septic plan to upgrade the system is designed to maintain the 3 bedrooms without a garbage grinder. Due to ledge outcroppings that surround the property, the three Title 5 Local Upgrade Approvals listed above are requested. An H-20 septic tank is required per design to accommodate the additional 2ft of fill material over the septic tank. Abutters were notified by certified mail of the requested variances. No objections.

Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro made a motion to approve the requested local upgrade approvals as proposed. Dr. David Kominz second the motion. Motion carries.

III. **1:45pm: 5 Colpitts Rd**

David Schofield, R.S. of Capstone Design Build, Inc. came before the Board to request the following Title 5 Variance to allow a proposed Tight Tank to be located to wetlands bordering Surface Water Supply or Tributary required 100ft to 87.3ft proposed. Soil testing was attempted and due to no suitable soil and high ground water, a tight tank has been proposed to upgrade the failing cesspools. The catch basin at the corner of the property is tied to Cambridge Water Supply.

The septic system is designed to accommodate 3 bedrooms without a garbage grinder. The tight tank proposed is a 3,000 gallon monolithic tank. Cambridge Water Dept was notified and will seek their input and confirmation of approval.

Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro moved to approve the proposed tight tank and the variance as proposed pending Cambridge Water Supply's input. Dr. David Kominz second the motion. Motion carries.

IV. **Approval of Minutes – January 16, 2018**

Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro made a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 meeting minutes. Dr. David Kominz second the motion. Vote unanimous. Motion carries.

V. **Plastic Bag Ban Regulations**

The Board was presented with draft regulations for review.

Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro made a motion to adopt the Plastic Bag Ban Regulations as presented to go into effect March 21, 2018. Dr. David Kominz second the motion. Motion carries.

VI. **Land's Sake**

A letter was submitted from Land's Sake requesting fee waivers for the Sugaring Off Festival that occurs in March and the Farmstand Opening Celebration held the first week in June, and three portable toilet permits. One portable toilet is located at the Bill McElwain Sugar House at the Weston Middle School, Land's Sake Farm at 90 Wellesley St., and the Community Gardens on Merriam Street. The letter indicates that the fee waivers requests are for two reasons. One, being that Land's Sake is a small 501c3 non-profit and they indicated they operate with a limited budget, and the other reason, the portable toilets are located on Town property used by Weston residents, students, Land's Sake staff and the public.

Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro made a motion to grant the fee waivers for the mentioned applications, but asks that Land's Sake keep the Board of Health informed of all their events. Dr. David Kominz second the motion. Motion carries.

VII. **Director's Report**

- **Homeowner's Workshop:** All Town Departments host the workshop that will be held April 10, 2018 at the Community Center from 6pm-8pm. All are welcome to learn and ask questions.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Upcoming events include the Spring Fling held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 on the Town Green. Rain date is the 29th. The same day, the MYChIP event will also take place up in the Weston Town Hall Auditorium. No rain date for this event that is run by WERC and Masons of MA and other supporting organizations.

VIII. **Public Health Nurse's Report**

The Board reviewed the report provided by Jane Brown, R.N. Copies of the report are available at the Board of Health.

IX. **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 1pm (Weston Town Hall)

X. **Adjourn**