

Winchendon Board of Health

109 Front Street
Winchendon, MA 01475

Minutes Regular Meeting Monday March 4, 2024 4th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Tina Santos, Glenn LaRochelle, Monique Connor, Lionel Cloutier, Michael Fitzgerald

Members Absent:

Others Present: James Abare, Health Agent

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Santos announced that there is an open seat on the Board for the May town elections. If anyone is interested, nomination papers need to be taken out for signatures and returned to the Town Clerk's office by March 18, 2024 at 5 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes of the February 5, 2024 meeting were presented. *Motion to accept minutes Cloutier/LaRochelle 4-0 Approved by roll call vote.*

Public Comment:

Ms. Theresa Langdon, nurse and resident of Otter River Road spoke in length regarding studies related to the dangers of the COVID 19 vaccines. She listed many health related issues from numerous studies. Her concern is the Board of Health offers vaccine clinics and does not provide literature as to the potential dangers and possible side effects. She is charging the Board to stay true to it's mission statement to "protect and educate the public." She has also sent a 21 page report and video for the Board to review. Ms. Yvonne Senecal, nurse and resident of Lakeview Drive conveyed her concerns and reiterated Ms. Langdon's concerns citing 1 in 800 people will die from the vaccine and there are an estimated 17 million deaths worldwide from the vaccine. She even reached out to CVS to see if they had any information they could share, and they do not. Ms. Christine Hanslem, resident of River Street stated there is no information listed on the Town's web page or the Board's facebook page regarding the dangers. Ms. Santos asked Mr. Abare if fact sheets were available. Mr. Abare only has CDC printouts. Mr. Abare suggested residents who have concerns reach out to their primary care physicians who are familiar with one's personal health history for information and advice. Ms. Connor feels it a personal preference to be vaccinated or not. Ms. Santos suggested visiting the state health office. Mr. LaRochelle feels there has not been enough testing done on

the vaccines. Ms. Hanslem also brought up her concerns regarding the French project on River Street. She is concerned about her drinking water, and the dust residents are breathing in. She stated the truck wash is also non-operational. Mr. Abare is aware of the situation. He has contacted DEP and has asked a representative to be present at a future Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss procedures and to approve capping materials. Mr. LaRochelle stated residents can get their wells tested. The town had originally issued the permit, however the state has taken the project over. Mr. Mike Givionnci, resident of River Street also expressed his concerns over his well. Mr. Abare stated he can get his well tested and the results will be issued to him, and then he can bring the results to Mr. Abare for review.

Variance Request 85 Fourth Street:

Mr. Chris Stoddard, Engineer is present to speak to the Board regarding the new septic design. It will be a pump system with a new leach field. There is an issue regarding the distance from surrounding wells. The size of the camp will not be increased from a 1 bedroom seasonal camp. The system is Title V compliant. Mr. Stoddard did his best with working the distance issue and dividing it as best he could around the 4 surrounding wells. There is a reserve tank as well. Mr. LaRochelle asked if there were any issues with neighbors, and there are not. *Motion to approve variance request with the condition of the wells being tested before septic installation and for the following 3 years post installation of system Cloutier/LaRochelle 4-0 Approved by roll call vote.*

Permits:

Temporary:

#24-11 and 24-12: Potato Potato Food Truck permits for 2 events \$25 fee paid for both
#24-13 and 24-14: Uncle Joey's Cannolis Food Truck permits for 2 events \$25 fee paid for both

Motion to approve permits as presented Cloutier/LaRochelle 4-0 Approved by roll call vote

Residential Kitchen:

24-19: Cabin Sweets, \$50 fee paid, no notes or violations

Motion to approve permit as presented Cloutier/LaRochelle 4-0 Approved by roll call vote

Food Permits:

#24-18: Two Foxes Farm Pizza, \$100 fee paid, no notes or violations *Motion to approve permit as presented Cloutier/LaRochelle 4-0 Approved by roll call vote.*

#24-15: Chicks Tavern, \$100 fee paid, no notes or violations *Motion to approve permit as presented LaRochelle/Cloutier, 4-0 Approved by roll call vote.*

#24-16: Friends Garden, \$100 fee paid, one note, additional cleaning needed on kitchen floor in hard to reach areas. *Motion to approve permit as presented LaRochelle/Cloutier, 4-0 Approved by roll call vote.*

#24-17: One Stop Plaza, \$100 fee paid, no notes or violations *Motion to approve permit as presented Cloutier/LaRochelle, 4-0 Approved by roll call vote.*

Invoices:

The invoices for Recording Secretary Jenelle Sroczyński for the February 5, 2024 meeting in the amount of \$75.00, and invoice for reimbursement for James Abare to attend the MHOA meeting in the amount of \$187.07 were presented. *Motion to approve invoices for Jenelle Sroczyński and James Abare, Cloutier/LaRochelle, 5-0 Approved by roll call vote.*

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Connor/LaRoche 5-0 approved by roll call vote at 6:49pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczynski
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:




