

SUDBURY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of Board Meeting May 14, 2019

Attendance: Board Chair Carol Bradford, Board members Linda Huet-Clayton and Susan Sama, Health Director William Murphy, BoH Nurse Phyllis Schilp, BoH Admin. Beth Porter, Town Counsel Robin Stein, Grant Elliott (Rep. Sarah Behn Camp), Dr. Stephen Jones, Planning Dept. Beth Suedmeyer and Ellie Baker Horsely Witten Group.

4:25: Board Members Reviewed - correspondence

Meeting commenced at 4:30 pm.

4:30: Opening comments – No Public Comments

4:31: Sarah Behn Hearing- Motion to begin Hearing by Chair Carol Bradford, Second motion by Linda Huet-Clayton and Susan Sama. Passed 3-0-0.

- **Robin Stein** cited Massachusetts General Law pertaining to hearing. Section 32A-32E of Ch. 140 of MGL and 105 CMR 430.000.
- **Phyllis Schilp** reviewed State regulations that were violated by the camp in previous years. Some violations were repeated each year. Some violations were repeated in the same week that camp was in session. After conducting re-inspections and holding administrative meetings (during camp season) the camp failed to comply. The 2019 Sarah Behn Camp is scheduled to open July 15 - July 19, 2019
- **Concerns/Violations:**
 - Not all counselors were properly vetted via CORI/SORI reporting.
 - Campers were added at last minute creating a discrepancy in Camper to Counselor ratios. (Afternoon Ratios improved over morning ratios)
 - Records were not complete prior to Camp opening.
 - Camper documentation was not on site.
 - Overall oversight of the camp seemed lax.
 - Susan Sama Stated that these violations raise serious concerns for the safety of the children that have been entrusted in the camp's care.
 - Linda Huet-Clayton expressed that there should be a director onsite that oversees camp operations to ensure regulatory compliance throughout the duration of camp hours.
- **Conditions for Issuing a 2020 Camp Permit to Sarah Behn:**
 - The Board deliberated and discussed concerns
 - Sama emphasized egregious and serious violations that would impact the health and safety of the children.
 - All camp Counselors required documentation will be provided one week prior to the start of camp. (Monday July 8, 2019).
 - Cut Off for Camper Applications and Acceptance to camp will be Sunday June 30, 2019.
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- Maximum number of campers will be capped at 50 this camp season.
- 2 Camp Co-Directors will be assigned and on premises at all times.
- 2020 Permits will be revoked should any regulatory violations persist in the 2019 Camp season.

Mr. Elliott, representative of the Sarah Behn Basketball Camp, agreed to the stipulations set forth by the Board of Health and has indicated that he will accept the consequences of any future violations.

Mr. Murphy stated that there will be daily inspections while the camp is in session. Any violations will need to be corrected immediately. Non-licensure of future camp permits will be the result of any violations. Issuance of the 2019 Camp Permit will have conditions. Failure to comply will result in a hearing and suspension of future licenses.

Board Chair, Carol Bradford Motioned to pass Camp Behn Regulatory Violations in 2019 resulting in non-licensure of future Sudbury Camp Permits. Board Member, Linda Huet-Clayton, motioned to pass. Seconded by Board Member Susan Sama. Motion passed 3-0-0.

4:58: T. Stephen Jones MD: Center for Disease Control and Prevention (retired).

Presenting his research (and representing active citizens) to discuss the health risks of GasLeaks.

Overview – Dr. Jones presented information about the dangers of Natural Gas Leaks in Sudbury and surrounding communities.

- His focus was on cooking gas and the health risks that it presented to young children sitting respiratory illnesses such as asthma.
- Weymouth proposes a gas compression station that will supply gas to Canada. See link for more information: <https://www.nocompressor.com/home>
- Sudbury has an inordinate amount of gas leaks in the gas lines. The leaks are 30% higher than the state average.
- Mr. Jones presented the Board with a form letter to be sent into the state from the Sudbury Board of Health. The letter requests that the state prohibit any new development projects of Natural Gas until adequate data has been analyzed, assessing the impact on Health issues directly correlated to gas emissions.
- The letter also requests that the state consider renewal alternatives to natural Gas such as Solar and Wind.

Board Chair, Carol Bradford Motioned to forward letter to Massachusetts Legislators. Board Member, Linda Huet-Clayton, motioned to pass. Seconded by Board Member Susan Sama. Motion passed 3-0-0.

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5:32: Ellie Baker Horsely Whitten – Beth Suedmeyer Sudbury Planning Dept. Presenting
Municipal Vulnerability Planning:

- Strengthen Regulations to negate the weakening effects of Climate Change.
- Close up Loopholes in standards and Regulations
- Clean up runoff water
- Going thru Regulations to see if some should be conjoined (interdepartmental and or overlap).
- Implement practices for resiliency against vulnerability.
- Apply for Grant from Municipal Vulnerability Project (MVP) to implement approved changes/updates.
- Horsely Whitten is in the process of identifying areas that require strengthening and resiliency. They are requesting input and feedback from the Sudbury Health Department and the Board of Health.
- Hazard Mitigation was last done in 2010. This should be reviewed and updated every 5 years.
- Water was a point of focus in terms of water table, Storm water collection, wells (potable and irrigation), porous pavement etc...

Mr. Murphy pointed out that the following should be looked into and assessed for mitigation practices:

- Tick infestation (poses health issues),
- Wood burning aparatus (respiratory illnesses)
- identify the health effects regarding the increase in pollen and allergies
- Natural Gas Leaks.

Wells Water Restrictions:

- **Irrigation Wells:** Independent water restriction By-Laws should Include these wells.
- **Potable Wells:** any issues connected with Public Water Supply should include private potable wells.
- Determine what areas would require water restrictions, based on water table height.
- Wells that appear most vulnerable would be around Water Rowe.

Health Director's Report Highlights –

Septic- Bob Landry has been doing soil testing for a proposed 10 lot subdivision off Maynard Rd.

Food- Shaun McAuliffe has begun next round of Inspections for Sudbury Food Establishments. New inspection forms have been ordered.

Housing- 15 Powers Road - answered a complaint about waste on the property. The land was contaminated with waste oil. Crews quickly were dispatched by Deutsche Bank to begin clean-up and evaluate extent of soil and well contamination. Updates are being posted on Mass DEP website.

Meeting Adjourned 6:55 PM

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Correspondence:

- April 9, 2019 BoH Meeting Minutes
- Registered Letter to Mr. Barme – Septic Installer in reference to 29 Hudson Rd.
- Sump Pump discharge from 255 Raymond Rd to 239 Raymond Rd. facilitating flooding issues.
- Aida Ramos Dir. Student Services LSRHS Providing information about White House on LSRHS School grounds.
- American Academy of Pediatrics - Adolescent Exposure to E-Cigarettes
- Framingham BOH Restrictions of sales of tobacco products and smoke accessories
- Agreement to purchase Sewataro at One Liberty Ledge Rd.
- 2019 Sudbury Spring Health Day Flyer
- Sudbury I/A Technology Treatment Plant(s) Maintenance Schedule Report
- 148 North Rd. Demolition Report request for hazardous and salvageable materials. Public Stable Licensing Report
- Metro West News requesting Town Clerk to provide records pertaining to Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness.
- Youth Vaping: Discussion Guide
- Nobscot YMCA Meeting Minutes March 12, 2019
- Investigation/Response to a Food Allergy Complaint at Oak Barrel Tavern
- Youth Vaping Prevention Steering Committee Meeting Minutes April 1, 2019
- Metro Wet Tobacco Control Coalition Meeting Agenda April 4, 2019
- Effects of Nicotine and Mint/Menthol on Genes and Disease Risks
- BioMed Central - Menthol Cigarettes informational packet
- Deutsche Bank response to “Order to Correct Violations” at 15 Powers Rd. & follow-up correspondence.