

TOWN OF LANCASTER – BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2021

Members in attendance: John Farnsworth, Katherine Holden, and Jeff Paster

Also in attendance: William Brookings, Health Agent and Debra Dennis, BOH Administrator

Chairman Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Jeff Paster explained the zoom process

Permits

- **Title 5 inspection report-2056 North Main Street**-Bill Brookings said this was a failure and they have two years to correct. A letter will be sent to the owner.

Discussion

- **Southern New England Conference of 7th-Day Summer Gatherings**-Chairman Farnsworth said we cannot know what the status will be in the summertime. Paster David Dennis from Southern New England Conference said he wanted to make sure since it would start the first weekend in June and go into the middle of July. Jeff Paster said currently the standards in the Commonwealth are far under what is being proposed. It is unlikely there will be a significant change by the first week in June. Paster Dennis said he just had to make sure.
- **Reopening's & Closings, COVID 19 compliance and complaints and Report from Members & Agents, Complaints, Cease & Desists**-Chairman Farnsworth said there is a hearing this morning at 10AM. The only other open complaint is against Kalon Farms. Trolley Stop is now cleared since they are complying and paid the civil penalty.
- **Ongoing Efforts for Personal Protective Equipment and other (including food boxes and water)**-Chairman Farnsworth said he is working with The Fire Chief Mike Hanson who can place orders with MEMA. The food boxes they requested are available at the Fire Department.
- **Brahmadanda Saraswathi Foundation, Title-5 Separation of Carriage House, Hilltop Road** -Chairman Farnsworth said the property has been separated. Dillis & Roy are preparing on site system for the property. There has not been any determination by LSDC. Bill Brookings said we need to have a legal opinion first. Greg Brackett asked about the carriage house septic system and the bedroom count. Victoria Petracca commented that the Title 5 formula states with less than 8 bedrooms. The Board was questioned about the way that they counted the bedrooms at the property. Chairman Farnsworth said it is explained in the correspondence that was sent to LSDC and he will get a copy to Victoria.

Public Hearing

- **10:00 AM Ciccone Chiropractic Citation Appeal Hearing**-Jeff Paster read the Public Hearing notice into the record thereby convening the public hearing at 10:00AM. Present: Attorney Andrew Couture and Dr. Ciccone.

Attorney Couture said his client has made significant strides to be compliant. Jeff Paster went over the things that needed to be addressed which are masks in place, social distancing, tables wiped down after each use, hand sanitizer throughout the office. They understand the receptionist has a medical exemption, but she still must wear her mask when someone is nearby. Attorney Couture said they have a barrier for the receptionist. Jeff Paster said the barrier cannot be used in place of wearing a mask. Attorney Couture said masks are always required in the office. He said my client is willing to comply with the specific orders. Jeff Paster went over the list again. He said there were face covering violations at all the visits except for one. There was no hand sanitizer in any of the waiting rooms or treatment rooms. He said he did not see any disinfecting procedures as far as wiping anything down.

Jeff Paster said there has been a second citation sent to Ciccone Chiropractic which is #005.

Chairman Farnsworth said Dr. Ciccone is trying to come into compliance. Jeff Paster agreed. Chairman Farnsworth said the Board is trying to work with businesses. Katherine Holden said she was pleased to hear of all the changes Dr. Ciccone is making.

Attorney Couture asked the Board to grant the appeal. He said his client will make payment the prior case. He said his client wants to come into compliance with the Board of Health.

Jeff Paster said if we vote to uphold the appeal, we are stating all observations were not valid. This would be treating other businesses unfair. Katherine Holden agreed that the Board needs to be consistent with the response to all complaints.

Katherine Holden said we need to require payment of the \$600.00 fine from the prior violation and revisit the new violation. Attorney Couture said if his client pays the \$600.00 and at the revisit he is in compliance, then will there be no fine for #005. Chairman Farnsworth said this is a workable compromise.

A motion was made by Katherine Holden to close the public hearing. Jeff Paster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes and John Farnsworth yes.

A motion was made by Jeff Paster and seconded by Katherine Holden to have Dr. Ciccone pay \$600.00. Vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes and John Farnsworth yes.

Discussion Continued:

- **Vaccine, General Discussion**-Chairman Farnsworth said they Board continues to work towards getting vaccines when available. They are currently working with Nashoba to do something locally. Katherine Holden expressed her concerns. She said they need to look at other opportunities to bring vaccines to people who cannot travel. She said this should be the Boards focus.
- **Lancaster Sewer District Commission**
 - **Atlantic Union College Update**-Chairman Farnsworth said they are waiting for LSDC to post a meeting when Attorney Philbin is available so they can address the issues of inflow and infiltration. Bill Brookings agreed. He said when doing a thorough job, it just takes time.

Minutes

A motion was made by Jeff Paster to approve the minutes of March 2, 2020, June 10, 2020, and February 3, 2021. Katherine Holden seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes and John Farnsworth yes.

General Business

Chairman Farnsworth discussed the flyer about town curbside compost pickup. Bill Brookings said he is following up with the Department of Environmental Protection to see if this needs to be permitted by the Board of Health. Katherine Holden discussed the tire recycling program.

The Board discussed changing the meetings to the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. **A motion was made by Katherine Holden to hold the Board of Health meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Jeff Paster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes and John Farnsworth yes.**

Adjourn

A motion was made by Katherine Holden to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jeff Paster. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes and John Farnsworth yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31AM.

**Respectfully submitted
Debra Dennis**