

Westhampton Board of Health

~~XXXXX~~ Minutes to the Meeting of July 25th, 2019

Present: Robby Armenti (RA), David Blakesley (DB), Tom Martin (TM). Also present, Ginny Curtis (GC), John Kelsey (JK), Michael Kelsey (MK). I used alphabetical order.

Call to Order: 4:00 PM.

1. TM notes that new Health Agent Mark Bushee is unable to attend meeting.
2. DB moved to approve minutes from 4/4/19 meeting. Seconded by TM. Abstained by RA as she had not yet been sworn in.
3. TM moved to approve minutes from 6/6/19 meeting. DB seconded the motion, passing unanimously.
4. On 7/15/19 there was a complaint from Ginny Curtis about KOA campground about odors. On 7/17/19, Mark Bushee, Health Agent, inspected the campground and found no breakout. Prior to that, on 6/27/19, MB, TM, and Tom Quinlan (TQ), the building inspector, performed an inspection. MB found some items of some concern that MK will be able to take care of and TQ will look at progress on the electrical systems in the upper pavilion and sites 16-25. However, the upper system has passed the Title V inspection and they have been issued a permit until the end of the season – October 31, 2019. The failed systems are due to be upgraded by then. Progress on the septic system: bidding has started. They are continuing to monitor the septic system and electrical systems. The pool inspection is done.
- 4a. It came to the attention of the Board that GC was the conduit of the complaints about the KOA campground. DB felt that if someone personally had a complaint, that he or she should personally submit that complaint. TM noted that complaints can still be made anonymously and still be heard by the Board as legitimate as people may be sensitive about coming forward personally. GC said she would bring that note back to the group she has represented.
- 4b. Board notes that campground provides two dumping stations and odors may emanate from these at any time possible. TM will check pumping records from MB sent to him from MK.
- 4c. MK wanted it noted that KOA feels “harrassed and hounded” by constant complaints/reporting by abutters by odors, especially since they have passed the

Title V inspection. GC wanted it noted that she feels the word "complaint" has negative connotations and would rather it be changed to "reporting."

5. Update of Foothills: Phone will be used during business hours only. Westhampton business days are on Wednesday. The contact information will be on the Town website.

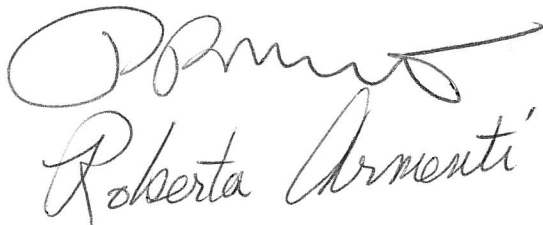
6. There was a complaint about Tom Louea, the engineer, not getting the permit for the upgrade for the septic system for 83 Montague Rd. in time for the closing date.

7. RA reported that she had attended a meeting with Rep. Sabadosa to speak about transportation in the Hilltowns to help seniors "age in place" easier. She will meet with Fran Fortino in August to discuss this and other aspects of this as it relates to the Board. RA also noted that Brad Morse informed at least one of her neighbors that he was spraying in the field near her home. She was on the list to be informed. TM asked that she inform the Agricultural Commission about this.

8. Discussion of "glamping." TM will request that the Select Board look at zoning.

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Robby Armenti
David Blakesley
Tom Martin



Roberta Armenti