

Westhampton Board of Health

Minutes for February 28, 2019

Town Hall Annex

3 South Rd.

4 p.m.

Meeting called to order @ 4 PM

Present: Tom P. Martin, David Blakesley

Agent: Valerie Bird

Others: Ginny Curtis, Michael Kelsey, Matthew Kelsey

Approval of January 17 minutes: BOH members made a correction to change the word, "voted", to the word "discussed" in the paragraph below "440.10: Sewage Disposal" when referring to alternatives to allow a permit for the 2019 KOA campground season. The change was made and the Minutes revised. Minutes approved for the January 17 meeting.

Valerie handed out a "possible timeline" she received from DEP for the KOA to replace the existing septic systems. She explained the DEP regulates the septic systems and wells due to the volume of waste involved. The BOH issues the license to operate.

Michael Kelsey was asked if he would agree to capping the existing failed septic tanks using them as "tight tanks" pumped out regularly until the new systems were installed. Michael said that it would be expensive for pumping costs, only his father could make that decision. BOH asked him to have his father present at the April meeting to discuss this option. He said he would tell him.

Ginny Curtis gave the BOH an aerial map of the KOA. She stated the smell of septic waste has continued this winter, the abutters were not going to tolerate it again this year.

BOH discussed dates for the next meeting and the April 19 planned opening date for KOA campground. It was agreed to meet on Thursday, April 4th at 4 pm for the next meeting.

Public Hearing for adopting proposed BOH regulations for Title V Inspections and Residential Well Permitting: Valerie reviewed the proposed regulations attached to the agenda. These procedures have been followed but need to be approved by the local BOH for enforcement. The Public Hearing could be held at the next BOH meeting, legal notice would be published in the paper. BOH voted to have the Public Hearing on April 4th.

Ginny Curtis reported the the Zoning Bylaw Review Com. will hold one more March public informational meeting on Adult Uses of marijuana bylaw. They and PB will hold a Public Hearing on April 10th or 15th. for a proposed ban on the four uses of Adult

Recreational Marijuana (retail, cultivation, testing labs, product manufacturing). Main reasons: result of Town Survey and possible costly court appeals. Town Vote will be at the Annual Town Meeting, May 11th. and again as a ballot question at the June 1st. Elections. A

NJ company, is proposing a private solar project (8,000 panels) for Hathaway Rd. The "Public Outreach" meeting will be on March 5 at Town Hall. They are seeking a number of waivers, one being able to build on a 15% slope, not permitted in the Solar Bylaws.

She thanked the BOH for their continued participation at their meetings by Tom Martin and BOH input on all proposed bylaws they are working on.

Meeting adjourned at @ 5 PM.

