

Charlemont Board of Health
March 25, 2015

Present: Rob Lingle co-chair, Doug Telling co-chair, Trice Hyer, and Ruth Cannavo
Guests: Glen Ayers and Charlotte Dewey

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

1. Charlotte Dewey provided an action plan for securing the barn, addressing the deterioration of the guesthouse, and testing water. The plan did not contain dates, but she pledged to stick to the deadlines agreed to at the March 11, 2015 meeting. The paperwork also included an inspection report provided by Bill Stephens.
2. Glen Ayers asked if the BOH and building inspector inspection inside the buildings could be done between April 13 and 17. Dewey and Ayers tentatively agreed to an April 15 inspection.
3. Regarding mold, Ayers said that the test is if you see it or smell it you've got an issue. Bleach will only address the surface mold but not the overall problem.
4. The state DPH sent a memo clarifying the requirements for hot water in food establishment hand washing facilities. The Board discussed whether this applied to Indian Plaza. Cannavo moved and Telling seconded a motion: Seasonal and full food establishments need to have hot water in all sinks. Those with temporary food permits do not fall under this requirement. Approved unanimously. The Indian Plaza operates under a temporary permit and therefore does not need hot water.
5. John Sargent of 289 Warner Hill Rd. #2 expressed an interest in installing a well. He wrote that it would be a hand pump well. Telling expressed concern about it being upgraded to an electric pump in the future. This is an issue due to the absence of a septic system. Cannavo moved and Telling seconded a motion to condition a well permit to limit use of the well to hand pumping unless the Board gives written permission to change this. Passed unanimously. In addition, we will ask Mr. Sargent to attach to his permit application a signed statement of how he intends to proceed with the well.
6. Ayers discussed his desire for the town to apply for a brownfield grant to inspect the properties at 394 and 497 Rt. 8A North. He will discuss this at the next selectboard meeting.
7. Ayers reported on a conversation with Town Administrator Peg Dean about establishing a task force to look into abandoned properties in town. The task force would prioritize the properties and develop a plan to get them back on the tax rolls. This could be done in conjunction with the Regional Housing Authority.
8. March 11, 2015 minutes approved through signatures.
9. Reviewed correspondence involving the Indian Plaza (see above), the Sherman properties and brownfields, and the Charlemont Inn.
10. Ayers provided one pump report and the letter to Air BnB regarding the need for the establishments to obtain the necessary permits.

Telling moved and Cannavo seconded a motion to adjourn.

Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm

Documents Reviewed

- Meeting Agenda March 25, 2015
- Charlemont Inn action plan
- DPH memo on hot water in food establishment rest rooms
- Minutes for the March 11, 2015 meeting
- Material regarding the Sherman properties
- Correspondence regarding the Charlemont Inn
- One pump report
- Letter to Air BnB