

Charlemont Board of Health Minutes
August 30, 2017
Charlemont Town Hall

Present: Douglas Telling, Rob Lingle, Trice Hyer

Absent: none

Guests: Glen Ayers, Claudine Veistroffer, Patrick Veistroffer, Diane Brancacchio, Paris Finley, Linda Jones, Julie Kling, Esq, Mark Nejame, JoAnna Sauriol, Tim Eichholz, Kristen Eichholz, Jennifer Raymond, Selene Rainey

Convened at 6:05 pm

1. Telling moved and Hyer seconded motion to approve minutes from 7/26/17 Approved 3-0
2. Ayers summarized the situation at 495 Zoar Rd. Town counsel said the permit was void and the Planning Board would revisit it. He withdrew his request for a ZBA hearing. Telling moved and Hyer seconded a motion to support the withdrawal of the request. Approved 3-0.

6:15 commenced a hearing on the Order to Vacate issued to the Veistroffers

1. Lingle read the hearing notice
2. Ayers reminded everyone that this is a time to hear thoughts, evidence, but not debate
3. Claudine Veistroffer responded to specific aspects of the Order:
 - Water is supplied from the house
 - Wiring removed and fixed
 - Grey water now going into a honey pot
 - Roof to tunnel to house fixed
 - Given when they received the Order they believe the deadline should be 9/10/17
4. They have two hot prospects for property. They request an extension of the Order to 11/1/17.
5. Lingle reminded them that there are alternate housing opportunities available now. The issue is occupancy, not the animals.
6. Patrick Veistroffer requested a written answer to why the room is not acceptable to sleep in.
7. Ayers claims that is written in the order. The Board of Health cannot allow them to stay another winter
8. Sauriol said she has witnessed their moves. She testified that the animals are well treated.
9. Telling reminded all that the Board of Health issues do not involve animals, but instead are centered around the camper and occupancy.
10. Kling asked about reinspection. Ayers replied that he and Telling reinspected today (8/30/17)
11. Finley says the basement room was never intended for occupancy. It was rented for birds. The Veistroffers had said they would reside in the trailer while they search for a permanent place. He noted that there had been some cleanup.
12. Telling moved and Hyer seconded motion to close hearing. Approved 3-0 at 6:50 pm.
13. Ayers said that the Board of Health needs to follow a process, one that is reasonable and provides a reasonable process to work before winter. Two options available: 1. Housing Court hearing or 2. A signed agreement with a time certain to leave.
14. Finley: has heard many times about a place to move to that does not amount to anything. Patrick Veistroffer brags about being able to work the system Finley opposes an extension.
15. Sauriol supports an extension.
16. Telling does not like the prospect of going to Housing Court. Lingle wants the Order to be enforced.
17. Telling moved and Hyer seconded a motion to enter into an agreement with a firm October 15, 2017 deadline. Passed 2-1.

1. Reviewed mail:

- water testing results for Woodland Park
- Information from DEP on public water supplies
- Notification of someone testing positive for West Nile Disease
- DEP notification of problems with water at Mohawk Trail State Forest

Telling moved and Hyer seconded a motion to adjourn Passed 3-0

Adjourned at 7:25 pm

The minutes are not official until signed

Documents Reviewed
8/30/17

- Agenda 8/30/17
- Minutes 7/26/17
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- Request for hearing
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