

**Minutes of the Carlisle Board of Health
January 7, 2014**

Present: Board members Bill Risso(Chairman), Donna Margolies (Vice-Chairman), Catherine Galligan, Vallabh Sarma; also present Linda Fantasia (Agent); Lee Storrs, Carlisle Board of Selectmen and Tim Goddard, Town Administrator, Ginny Lamere (Mosquito) and Nathan Brown (Planning Bd).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. at Carlisle Town Hall.

BILLS – payroll. It was moved (Galligan) and seconded (Margolies) to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed 4-0-0.

New Business – Galligan informed the Board that two recent fires in western MA involved smoking and/or the use of medical oxygen. The Board is interested in this issue and worked with a consultant, Terry Curran, on preparing a Tobacco Resource Manual and draft policies to increase tobacco free multi-unit housing in town. The Board also sponsored a group of medical students who prepared educational materials on the dangers of medical oxygen and smoking.

7:05 JOINT MEETING WITH SELECTMEN – the Board adjourned to the joint meeting with the Selectmen for the purpose of appointing a new Board member to fill the vacancy of Jeff Brem until the next town election.

Risso explained to the Selectmen that the Board had interviewed two very well qualified candidates. They were recommending appointment of Lee Storrs based on his experience as a civil engineer specializing in waste water treatment and his involvement with the School Building Committee (SBC) which he chaired. The Selectmen approved the Board's choice noting Storrs diligence working on the SBC. The appointment will expire at the next annual town election. Storrs said he is interested in running for the full three year term.

It was moved and seconded to appoint Lee Storrs to fill the Board of Health vacancy until the next town election. Roll call: Aye – Selectmen Gorecki, Williams, Stevenson, Scavongelli, Hult; Board of Health members: Aye – Risso, Galligan, Margolies, Sarma. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Health returned to its meeting. Storrs agreed to attend as an observer until he is sworn into office.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ferns Country Store – permit expired 12/31/13 and has not been reissued due to non-payment of fee and expired ServSafe Certification. The Board was concerned that its consultant, Randy Phelps, noted lack of cleaning as a problem during the fall inspection. All items were corrected for the re-inspection. The Board reviewed the inspection report again. The property managers had agreed to hire a cleaning company for some of the work. The Board agreed to monitor the situation and may move up the spring inspection. The store is operating without a permit. The Board agreed it would be reluctant to shut down the store but will contact the managers. The Board asked Fantasia to stop by the store and hand deliver the invoice. She will also do an informal inspection of the premises to see if the cleaning has improved. If the fee is not paid and there are problems noted, the Board may consider a special meeting to address the situation. Alternatively, the managers will be required to meet with the Board at the next meeting.

Benfield Farms – Mark Beaudry would like to meet with the Board on 1/21/14 or 2/4/14. They are hoping to do the FAST system start up the week of 1/13/14 and will be looking for Certificate of Compliance by end of January. The As-built plans are being prepared. Beaudry would like to know if the Board has a particular form for the Operations Manual. Storrs said he may have an example.

Banta Davis Well Data – Rick Moore, City Point Partners, has been hired to investigate the potential water supply and usage for future projects on the property. He will be reviewing the Board's files on adjacent wells on 1/ 8/14. Fantasia reported that the irrigation well on Banta Davis is fed from a nearby pond, not a well. Bobby Lyman had

noted that there was also a spigot installed in the 1980's on the lower fields. Neither tap should be used for drinking water and should be posted. Fantasia will inform Recreation.

149 Russell Street – mold complaint and house unsecured. The Building Inspector John Luther had contacted the mortgage lender who agreed to secure the site on 12/20/13. Fantasia will verify this with Luther.

Local Health Internship Program 2014 – MA Dept. Public Health. The application is due 1/31/14. One possible topic would be preparing a local shelter plan and overseeing the organization of the shelter storage room at the school. The intern will be a Public Health Master's candidate available during the summer. Galligan suggested researching the cancer statistics for Carlisle recently released by the state. She noted that Melanoma in females in Carlisle is elevated and a significant concern. The reason for this maybe lifestyle – more vacations in sunny climates, outdoor activities, gardening. It would be helpful to have a better understanding of what the data means in lay person's terms. Carlisle's small population can skew the results. If the data is relevant, the Board should establish a public awareness campaign and do local outreach. Galligan noted that although there are more cases of melanoma, high socio-economic populations are less likely to die from it because of better health care. The Board agreed that women in Carlisle should be alerted and agreed to request an intern to work on the project. Fantasia said the Board had received a Sun Protection Grant a few years ago. It might be possible to match the work being done by the intern with some grant funding.

Medical Marijuana Zoning Bylaw – Nathan Brown and Donna Margolies, members of the Subcommittee, explained the proposed Bylaw to the Board. In 2012 the state voted to allow the dispensing of marijuana to qualified patients. The Dept. of Public Health established regulations last summer. At the spring 2013 town meeting, Carlisle approved a one year moratorium on dispensing sites and established a subcommittee consisting of Chief Fisher, Lisa Davis Lewis (Zoning), Nathan Brown (Planning) and Margolies (Health) to study the issue. Applications to operate a dispensing site are made and approved by DPH. A Registered Medical Dispensary (RMD) is a facility that is allowed to grow, process and dispense marijuana to a qualified patient or caretaker. A dispensary must also deliver. Identification cards are issued by the state. Patients can apply for a hardship which allows them to grow for personal use only. There is a question of whether adding marijuana to a food product requires a permit. Margolies said the group has not dealt with that question which is still under review by the state. Risso asked how towns were supposed to manage the issue effectively since there will be no money from the state to cover the additional workload. Brown said it is not possible for a town to “opt” out of having a dispensary. It can be managed through local regulations and will be monitored by the Police Dept. There will be an impact on town resources.

The Subcommittee is proposing an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to allow RMD's in a “Business District” other than the one in the center of town. There are certain parameters that must be followed including minimum 1000' distance from any area where children might congregate. This eliminates a site in the center due to its proximity to the school. Locating a dispensary in a residential area will not work because the facility will require protective fencing, lighting and visibility. A local special permit through the Planning Board will be required. Fantasia asked whether the proposed RMD would need the special permit first in order to be approved by DPH or DPH approval before applying for a local permit. Brown said he was not certain but the town will have a say in the process. Town counsel said the 1000' setback is acceptable. Locations in town that meet this criteria are Blue Jay Studios, Carlisle AutoBody, One River Road and Wee Folk. As long as the town has at least one potential site, it meets the law.

The Subcommittee is asking for the Board's support of the warrant article. The Board agreed to take a vote at the next meeting. If members have comments, they should forward to Margolies. Brown thanked the Board for its interest.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget FY 15 – The Board is submitting a guideline budget of 0% operating increase and 2% Cost of Living of \$82,280. The wage adjustments were prepared by the Finance Director. The Board noted that only the bottom line is voted. Funds can be moved from one line item to another. Fantasia will meet with Galligan to go over the final numbers.

100 Long Ridge Road – Risso will attend the site visit with Mass Housing on 1/8/14. The Land Use Staff will be meeting with town counsel the same day. The project includes 20 single family residences (one existing), 2 leaching areas and 20 private wells on 9.84 acres. The Board would prefer that the project include a Public Water Supply which requires a state permit, site approval, pump and test calculations and ongoing monitoring. A second issue is the keeping surface run off away from the leaching areas and a third issue is nitrogen limitation of 5 mg/L at the property line. Drinking Water Standards for nitrogen is 10 mg/L but this allows for occasional exceedance which the Board wants to avoid. A groundwater mounding analysis will be necessary to verify flow directions. The Board also wants pre and post monitoring of abutters wells and the use of alternative technology for enhanced treatment of effluent. Fantasia will prepare a draft for the Board's review.

There was no further business discussed. Meeting voted to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Fantasia,
Recorder