

Town of Concord  
Board of Health

Minutes of the Meeting  
August 16, 2016

PRESENT: Jack Bergman, Chairman  
Ray Considine  
Dr. Deb Greene

OTHERS: Susan G. Rask, Public Health Director  
Karen M. Byrne, Administrator Assistant

1. **Open Meeting**

Chairman Jack Bergman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2. **DISCUSSION – 2229 Main Street Update**

Public Health Director Susan Rask provided the Board with an update on the demolition and cleanup process at the former Nuclear Metals/Starmet site by reviewing slides of a Power Point presentation prepared by deMaximus (the Superfund contractor) in June 2016. Ms. Rask also reviewed the plan for addressing the 1-4 dioxane plume groundwater contamination as it relates to the Town of Acton's drinking water supply and timeline and scope of work for remediating the situation.<sup>1</sup>

3. **SEPTIC BETTERMENT PROGRAM**

**Final Betterment Lien Assessment**

The replacement onsite sewage disposal systems for the following properties have been installed and inspected.<sup>2</sup> All invoices for the properties have been processed and the betterment paperwork closed out by Administrative Staff. Ms. Byrne requested that the Board issue the Order to Assess the final betterment liens for:

- 113 Hill Street - \$25,457.52 (Killian)
- 38 Sorrell Road \$23,180 (Greene)
- 24 MacArthur Road - \$22,263.98 (Sheffield)

Dr. Greene moved that the Board VOTE to Order to Assess the Betterments for the above referenced properties in the amount as specified and that such ORDER be forwarded to the Town Collector. Mr. Considine seconded it. All VOTED in favor.

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<sup>1</sup> Nuclear Metals, Inc./Superfund Site; CREW/2229 Main Street Committee Update – June 8, 2016

<sup>2</sup> Dr. Greene disclosed that one of the properties was owned by her parents; there was no conflict in voting to assess a betterment lien.

#### **4. BOARD CALENDAR & MINUTES**

The Board of Health calendar was reviewed and the September meeting date was changed to Monday, September 19, 2016 due to quorum issues. The remainder of the meeting dates previously scheduled were reviewed and unchanged at this time.

The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes from the April 19, 2016 meeting. Ray Considine moved to approve the minutes with a minor edit. Dr. Greene seconded it. All VOTED in favor.

The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes from the June 21, 2016 meeting. Dr. Greene moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ray Considine seconded it. All VOTED in favor.

#### **5. CHAIRMAN & BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS**

Chairman Jack Bergman welcomed the Board's newest member Dr. Deb Greene, Emergency Room Physician from Emerson Hospital. Board members enthusiastically welcomed Dr. Greene expressing their appreciation of her willingness to serve the community.

Members once again discussed the difficulty not having a full Board (particularly when dealing with quorums) and asked PHD Rask where things stood membership appointment and whether the Town Manager had met with any of the residents whose green cards were reviewed at previous meetings. To her knowledge, a few candidates met with the Town Manager but had not been appointed.

Ray Considine inquired whether the Board still felt strongly about an attorney serving; consensus had always been that the Board of Health was best served with a member with legal expertise due to the complex issues it routinely encounters. Mr. Considine offered to reach out to a local attorney who had expressed interest in the BOH and would encourage him to complete a green card for consideration. Jack Bergman noted that he would follow up with the Town Manager as well.

#### **6. STAFF REPORTS**

##### Groundwater Monitoring Results – Artificial Turf Field

PHD Rask provided the Board with a copy of Groundwater Monitoring Report<sup>3</sup> by Alpha Analytical dated May 9, 2016 for the second round of sampling that was required by the Board following construction of the fields. At the time of the vote, the Board stated it would review two rounds of testing after which it would determine whether additional sampling would be warranted.

PHD Rask said that all of the semi-volatile organics were non-detectable and felt that testing was thorough and accurate. She inquired whether the Board felt bi-annual testing was still a reasonable condition. Following a discussion, Board members asked Ms. Rask to research what other communities have done in continued monitoring for groundwater where artificial turf fields had been built; in particular, they asked her to provide information on the monitoring that had been conducted several years ago at the Fenn School. The issue was tabled until that information was available for review.

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<sup>3</sup> Alpha Analytical Groundwater Monitoring – Artificial Turf Fields 5/9/16

### Polystyrene Outreach Committee (Charge)

The Board reviewed the committee charge put forth by the Board of Selectmen for the Polystyrene Education and Outreach Committee which was drafted as a result of strong encouragement from the Board of Health particularly because it is considered the most appropriate Board to hear petitions for waivers from the bylaw.

The committee will consist of:

- A representative from the Petitioners of Article 45
- A representative nominated by the Board of Health
- A representative nominated by the Public Works Commission
- 2 Members at large

Staff noted that the Selectmen will be discussing the formation of this committee at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and more information would be forthcoming but that the Board of Health should begin the discussions as to who it would nominate.

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Greene stated that she would reach out to some of the hospital staff that may have some valuable input and insight (particularly to dealing with alternative materials for such a large institution); other members said they would do the same. Discussion would continue at the September BOH meeting.

#### **7. Additional Comments**

The Chair asked whether the audience members had any additional comments – there were none.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by,

Karen M. O’Keefe-Byrne, Administrative Assistant  
Concord Board of Health

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Jack Bergman, Chair

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Ray Considine

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Dr. Deb Greene