

# *Town of South Hadley*

## *Board of Health*

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### BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES December 7, 2011 (As Approved January 4, 2012)

Present: Dr. Wolf, Chair; Dr. Picard, Clerk; Sharon Hart, Health Director (arrived at 4:50 p.m.); Doris Leclair, Sr. Clerk

- 1. The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by Dr. Wolf.**
- 2. The Minutes of the November 2, 2011 meeting were accepted as written by Dr. Picard, second by Dr. Wolf.**
- 6. The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in the Selectboard Meeting Room.** The Board discussed having the meeting date already scheduled. The Senior Clerk stated that in a previous meeting it was the consensus of the Board of Health to meet on the first Wednesday of each month. She added that at that meeting she was instructed to add the meeting date, time, and location to the Board's Town Website, which aids scheduling subsequent meetings. The Board members agreed.

Board of Health Director, Sharon Hart arrived 4:50 p.m.

### **3. Director's Report – Items Discussed**

- 423 East Street - The Board of Health Director provided the members with a history of the location and explained current violations. She also distributed pictures taken at the inspection site on December 2, 2011 for the Board Members to review. The Director stated that it was necessary to condemn the property for a second time and requested the Board Ratify the Condemnation Order.

**Motion:** Dr. Wolf moved and Dr. Picard seconded the motion to ratify the condemnation order for 423 East Street. The Board voted Two (2) out of Two (2) members present in favor of the motion.

Dr. Wolf inquired if the Court could order mandatory inspections for a specified period of time, due to this being their second violation. The Director indicated that she would research the suggestion and relay her findings to the Board.

- Hampshire Public Health Preparedness Coalition – Director indicated that the group is splitting up and that the larger communities are looking to form a new group. She stated that there is a money amount per town and an amount per capita.

**Motion:** Dr. Wolf moved and Dr. Picard seconded the motion to have the Director petition the State for coalition realignment to allow for the emergency/hazardous planning to continue for the Town of South Hadley.

- Complaints – The Director explained to the Board about a complaint received on 5 Pleasant Street. She provided the Board with a verbal history between the landlord and the tenant. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board to have the Director contact Western MA ElderCare and/or the Police Department to report suspected elder abuse

- Plumbing & Gas Fine Increase – The Director stated that the Plumbing & Gas Inspector would like to increase the fine from \$25.00 to \$100.00. The Board questioned what the rates of the surrounding communities were in

relation to the proposed increase and if a public hearing was required.

**Motion:** Dr. Picard moved and Dr. Wolf seconded the motion to table the proposed fine increase until the monetary fines of other communities can be compared and the Director researches whether or not a public hearing is required prior to instituting the increase. The Board voted Two (2) out of Two (2) members present in favor of the motion.

- Four Brothers, Granby Road

- Landfill – The Board discussed the Article 97 (self help) Grant money as it related to the landfill, and the research performed by a Town resident. Dr. Picard inquired what type of recreation could be relegated to the site. The Director responded “perhaps a walking trail”. Dr. Wolf stated that he would like to invite this resident to the next Board Meeting for 5-10 minutes to provide an update of her efforts.

- Fine – The Director advised the Board that the individual cited for disposing of raw sewage between #1 and #9 Graves Street has paid his fine in full.

**4. *New Business***

There was no new business brought before the Board.

**5. *Old Business***

There was no old business brought before the Board.

**7. *Dr. Wolf motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p. m., second by Dr. Picard.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Doris D. Leclair  
Sr. Clerk

Attachment A

List of Documents Reviewed in December 7, 2011 Board of Health Meeting

<u><b>Document</b></u>	<u><b>Record Location</b></u>
Board of Health Meeting Agenda	Board of Health Agenda Packet File
Board of Health Draft Meeting Minutes	Board of Health Agenda Packet File
Emergency Condemnation Notice Copies	Board of Health Agenda Packet File File East Street (423)
Emergency Inspection Pictures/Documentation	Board of Health Agenda Packet File File East Street (423)
Complaint – 5 Pleasant Street	File Pleasant Street (5)
Violation/Compliance Notice Between #1 & #9 Greaves Street	Copy with Board of Health Agenda Packet File Original with File #1 & #9 Greaves Street