



THE TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
March 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Granby Board of Health was held by conference call/Zoom and opened at 6:30 pm.

Those present were: Dick Bombardier, Lee Lalonde

Those in attendance were: Ali Jordan-Gagner, Tom Zumbruski, Nancy Jenks, Keith Terry, Julie Pichnyi, Rob Chauvin.


1. Board signed the following:
Timesheet for Colleen
Money turnover sheet
Bill for Turley Publications, Perc test ad
Purchase request for new rubber stamp
2. A motion was made, seconded and all were in favor to accept the meeting minutes for February 16, 10:00 a.m. and February 16, evening meeting.
3. Keith Terry from Sherman and Frydryk submitted an application for a new disposal system construction permit for a 3-bedroom house at lot 3 West Street. The Board reviewed the plans. The Board approved the plans subject to obtaining a trench permit before construction begins, Granby fill regulations, out-of season perc process, the owner must sign Building Permit form before approval, and the owner and engineer must meet with the Board before final approval. Julie Pichnyi, owner was present and stated that she understood that the construction of the septic system could not begin until the septic system design reflects the estimated water table elevation including an actual water table elevation observation performed during the months of March and April.
4. A plan for a pick-up and take out fish dinner at Immaculate Heart of Mary church was submitted. The Board reviewed the plan. The Board approved the plan for the fish dinner. IHM will choose a date for the dinner after approval.
5. The Granby Schools are planning to begin to return to full in-person teaching around April 1. The Board discussed and will follow the Governor's and State Department of Education (rather than CDC) guidelines and allow for the reopening.
6. Ali Jordan-Gagner was present to discuss the spring sports plan for Granby Jr/Sr High School with the Board. The Board approved the plan as proposed, as outdoor COVID transmission is poor and the Governor is going to move to phase 4 openings.

7. Tom Zumbruski was present to discuss the spring soccer plan for GAA. Mr. Zubruski said it was going to be the same plan as in the fall. The Board approved as soccer is played outdoor and their plan worked out well in the fall and the Governor is going to move to phase 4 openings.
8. The Board discussed the emergency 5 ACH ventilation regulation that it enacted in October. With the Governor's reducing restrictions on restaurants, the Board does not want to unduly handicap Town small businesses. (If things get worse again next fall they can re-visit the subject.) A motion was made, seconded and all were in favor to rescind the emergency 5 air change ventilation regulation effective immediately.
9. The town has received additional grant funding from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in the amount of \$3,398.08. This funding can be used for COVID-19 vaccinations and other specific activities defined in the grant.
10. The Board discussed the email from Emma Dragon, Amherst Health Director, asking if Granby would be interested in shared health services, as there is a RFP for a Public Health Excellence Grant Program for Shared Services. Dick stated that, during the week, he had talked to both Chris Martin and Sharon Hart about the state of inter town relationships with South Hadley. Both stated that they were strong. The Board discussed and due to the long-standing strategic relationship with South Hadley the Board determined that it will not be interested in this offer to share health services with Amherst. The Board instructed the Assistant to thank Emma Dragon for the offer but to decline.
11. Dick stated that Chris Martin believes that Colleen's contract was a "complete the fiscal year" contract that would end June 30, 2021 and that Chris Martin is working on a 3 year contract for the Assistant. Many of the other town employee contracts are 3 year contracts. Dick stated that Chris was concerned that other offices may need to be answering calls for the Board of Health when the Assistant was not in the office. Colleen stated that she is in the office 8:00-3:00 or 8-3:30 Monday thru Thursday and Fridays 8:00-1:00. The office hours are 9:00-3:00 Monday-Thursday and 9:00-12:00 on Fridays. Most or all of the employees at the Annex leave between noon and 1:00 most Fridays. When Colleen was hired the Board felt that she would come in early and would not work after everyone else had left the building for safety reasons. Zoom connection problems with Colleen prevented completion of this discussion.
12. The Board discussed meeting attendance tardiness and the Board requirement to act with a quorum present. Dick stated that Lee recently has been consistently late for meetings, sometimes as many as 30 minutes. Dick felt that, while normally the other two members allowed Board business to be completed during Lee's absence, the behavior was not conducive to completing business efficiently and not respectful of the other two members nor the rest of the townspeople. Lee agreed. He stated that he was late to meetings because he closes his pharmacy at 6:30. He stated that he had thought that he could support the earlier starting time, but the data showed that the business issues do not let that happen. He noted that, until relatively recently the Board

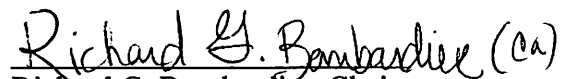
meetings always began at 7:00pm. After discussion and Lee's assurance that he would not be tardy for meetings beginning later, the Board agreed to move the start time of meetings back to 7:00pm, starting with the next meeting.

13. Dick stated that at the last meeting Herb used the fact that a two-person quorum existed to prevent the Board from acting on even routine, agenda business, Herb refused to discuss any items, even though Dick stated that there was a quorum present. The Board began to address agenda items upon Lee's arrival. After discussion, the Board decide that a member who used the two-person quorum as a means to prevent Board action on routine agenda items was not behaving in a manner consistent with the oath of office. The Board decided that, should this occur in the future, it would be appropriate for the non-disrupting member to state that he was objecting to the behavior and to close the meeting by leaving.
14. The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on March 16, 2021, 7p.m. via conference call/zoom.
15. The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

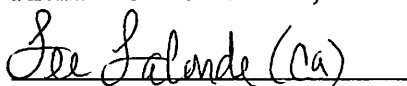
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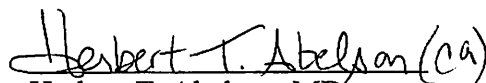
Colleen Aberdale, Board of Health Assistant



Richard G. Bombardier, Chair



Lee Lalonde



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