

PLYMPTON BOARD OF HEALTH	OPEN MEETING NOTES	MAY 17, 2016	Next Meeting 6/7/2016 @ 5:00 PM
Present/Absent		Present/Absent	Place: BOH Office, Town House
Chair: Arthur Morin, Jr. P	Health Agent: Cathleen Drinan, RS	A	A
Clerk: Harry Weikel, Jr. P	Admin. Assistant: Jeraldine Batchelder	P	
Treasurer: Ken Thompson P	Office Clerk: Cathleen Ferguson	P	
TOPIC/AGENDA---NAME & ADDRESS			
ASSESSOR'S MAP - BLOCK - LOT	PROBLEM/DISCUSSION		FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS
Call to Order 5:08 p.m.	Minutes of May 3, 2016		Approved.
	Minutes of February 16, 2016 Tobacco Hearing		Still in review.
OLD BUSINESS			
55 Upland Road M3-B2-L11	Complaints re: Rats and Manure		Health Officer sent an email re: call to Stuart Chase of Varmint Control. She stated he was not there but she spoke with his wife and received details. HO attached some more information on Norway Rats and infestations in general. Mrs. Freitas' attorney cannot attend a board meeting until mid-June, but BOH will go forward with neighbor meeting tonight. ADJOURNED TO THE SELECTMENS MEETING ROOM AT 5:22 P.M.
			MEETING CONTINUES IN SELECTMENS MEETING AT 5:23 P.M.
			Meeting with Upland Road Residents. BOH sent you a letter regarding rat infestation on Upland Road. BOH has received complaints from residents and Chairman has been to property with Health Agent beginning in late March. In early April pest company was there but was not hired. Traps were put out. Board issued an Order to Correct

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		access. In Boston exterminators are using dry ice in the
		burrows. That is safe for pets. Q: if rats are
		dispersing, should we put traps out? A: Just be aware, don't
		leave bird seed, pet food out for them. Q: did you
		inspect where the chicken and horse feed is kept. A: Yes, it is
		in metal barrels now. We also told them to go to the transfer
		station on a weekly basis and they are. And they need to
		have trash in metal containers. Q: How are you enforcing all
		this? Is it all on Mrs. Frietas? A: Yes, as the property owner
		the responsibility is hers. Q: are they going to be set
		up on a schedule to remove manure on a regular basis? A: Yes
		they cannot store it. Not enough room to spread
		onto a field, so they will have to keep removing it on a regular
		basis. Q: How many animals are over there? A: There are
		chickens and horses. BOH did not do a count. Maybe 12
		chickens and 5 horses? Q: even though we are are
		right to farm community, with these conditions -- manure
		buildup, rats we are concerned about animal welfare. A:
		MSPCA had done an inspection, according to the owner and
		checked the animals. If you see any animals that seem
		in trouble, please feel free to call the MSPCA at any time.
		Q: Do any neighbors have any potential recourse if
		rat infestation spreads to our property. Can we say to
		owner "you have to get your exterminator to come over here
		now to deal with this". Neighbors 2-4 houses down from
		55 Upland have seen rats in their yards. A: Yes the rats could

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		leave the yard, we are trying to have the infestation contained
		to 55 Upland Road. They have trapped and shot quite a few
		rats there. We will have a professional monitor the situation.
		Q: Are they big? A: They are Norway Rats 18 inches
		from head to tail. The steps from here: we will be ordering
		these things be done immediately, we would ask you to
		keep an eye out and let us know immediately if you see
		anything. After the 90 day period of monitoring by pest
		control, and if there is a negative report at the end of 90 days
		the BOH will invite you back for another status meeting.
		Please leave us your emails if you like. Q: How
		much time are you going to give them? A: 90 days.
		When the letter is issued it will be within 7 days. Q: but she's
		hired a lawyer. A: Doesn't matter, she is the one who is
		responsible, she will have to hire a rat control company, she
		she will have one week. If she does not, there are fines that
		can be implemented daily. Neighbors say that owners told
		them 2 years ago that they had rats and one exterminator
		said perhaps as many as 300 estimated in April 2016.
		Q: can the BOH give the owner a list of a reputable
		company? A: BOH did tell owner that information
		on how to proceed. BOH cannot recommend a particular
		exterminator. BOH considers this an emergency.
		Q: What can we do about the flies and smell of urine
		from the horses in the summer? A: You can address your

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		concerns to the Plympton Agricultural Commission. Regarding
		concerns about the animals, you can contact the Animal
		Control Officer to do an inspection. Neighbors: Our children
		don't want to play outside. MEETING ADJOURNED TO
		BOH OFFICE AT 6:00 P.M.
		MEETING CONTINUES AT 6:01 P.M.
59 Parsonage Road M21-B3-L10	Update	Letter received from lawyer for Mr. Poole. Letter requests
		inspection of clean up work already completed. Health Officer
		needs to read letter. Health Officer may go out and see how
		many of the items have been completed. Mr. Poole will have
		to pay for inspection. Motion made to continue until next
		meeting. Motion voted 3-0.
159 Center Street M11-B1-L7	Letter to be sent to owner Dana Chiles	Letter sent out to Mr. Chiles to P.O. Box he provided.
		Post Office returned letter as "undeliverable". Contact
		Mr. Chiles again by telephone and ask for a correct address.
101 Center Street M11-B3-L9	Update on inspection	Received pictures from owner's daughter documenting
		clean up efforts.
67 Elm Street M16-B4-L2	Revised Septic Plans	Certified letter sent. Letter was received. Awaiting reply.
48 Maple Street M7-B2-L23	# of bedrooms	Assessor has spoken to owner. She does not want assessors
		in house. Many vehicle registrations use that address.

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66 Maple Street M7-B2-L10	# of bedrooms	Assessor's office has not been able to schedule inspection owner works during the day.
NEW BUSINESS		
106 Brook Street M18-B6-L14	Septic Plan	Motion to approve septic system. Voted 3-0 to approve. Variance: to allow the proposed SAS to be 165 feet from the existing well instead of 200 feet. Voted 3-0 to allow variance.
BUILDING DEPARTMENT		
136 Center Street M11-B2-L14C	Building Permit for new house	Signed off. Returned file to Building Dept.
Mail & Educational Offerings	Reviewed	
Bills & Warrants for Payments	Reviewed	Signed for payment.
ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES	Set dates to update Plympton Title 5 Regulations and discuss horse regulations	No action taken.
6 Cross Street	Temporary Trailer Request	New owners want permission to live in camper while renovating house. Need to go to BOS for trailer permit. cannot connect to failed cesspool.
Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.