Jefferson County Board of Health
Minutes: February 28, 2019 9:00am

Board Members Present: John Bresland (Chairman), Ann Smith, Damien Hinck, Caleb Hudson (County Commissioner)

Board Members Absent: Carmela Cesare (Vice-Chair)

Also Present: Nathan Cochran (Assistant County Prosecuting Attorney), Marty Freeman (Health Administrator), Dr. David Didden (Health Officer), Bob Custard (Sanitarian Supervisor)

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 9:06AM by Chairman Bresland. The agenda for today’s meeting was presented and accepted. Mr. Bresland welcomed the members of the public and explained the procedures for the public comment period.

Public Comment:
David Lutman spoke about his dissatisfaction with Environmental Health Services and said the septic appeals process should include evaluation by an unbiased third party.

Dan Zappe spoke about his dissatisfaction with Environmental Health Services, including his decision not to add another bedroom to his home to avoid having his septic system evaluated by the health department.

Patrick Schneble spoke about his dissatisfaction with Environmental Health Services and the high installation and maintenance costs of alternative septic systems compared to conventional systems.

Peter Chakmakian spoke regarding Board of Health policies, and said the Board should establish reasonable rules and apply them uniformly.

Perry Campanaris spoke about his dissatisfaction with Environmental Health Services, attempts to build on lots he owns in Shannondale, agreed there should be third party involved.

Greg Graham, President of Eastern Panhandle Board of Realtors, said professional organizations are working together to ask for Mr. Custard’s removal.

Paul Raco said any appeal process should not be needed on a routine basis.

Mr. Bresland thanked the public for their comments and said the Board will take them under advisement.
Old Business:
None.

New Business:
Selection of New Health Officer:
Dr. Terrence Reidy introduced himself to the Board. Dr. Reidy has been practicing medicine in West Virginia since 1985, has a master’s degree in public health, and has served as Health Officer for Berkeley County for over 2 years. Members of the public asked Dr. Reidy about his views on the septic system issues raised during public comment. Mr. Cochran replied that the Board is working on a set of guidelines to deal with the various scenarios that may arise. The Board is not in a position to enact policy yet but anticipate it within the next month or few. Ms. Smith moved to go into executive session; motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Mr. Cochran clarified that executive session was due to receiving legal advice and personnel matters.

Mr. Hinck moved to approve the hiring of Dr. Reidy as a part-time temporary position. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion of potential claims regarding Lot 71 Pembroke Grove and related issues:
Mr. Cochran has been consulting with Mr. Chakmakian and sent a proposal, has not received a response yet. Mr. Cochran consulted with Mr. Custard on coming up with placement for septic field based on Mr. Lutman’s testimony of direct knowledge of where the original field was located. – difficulty finding original location on lot, contradictions on 2 previously issued permits. Would affect ability of drain field due to rock. Question of where original approved area located. Mr. Custard and Mr. Lutman came to an agreement on an approved area, which was drawn on a map of the property and signed by both.

Discussion and Adoption of Septic System Appeals Process:
Ms. Smith moved to go into executive session; motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
Mr. Hinck moved to make the discussed appeal policy available for review on the health department website before officially adopting it. The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Tuesday April 2 at 9:00am. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Adjournment:
At 11:03AM Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David Didden, Health Officer
February 2019 Environmental Health Report

- Establishments Opened: 3
  - Opening re Inspection: 0
  - Large plan review: 0, Medium plan review: 0, Small plan review: 1
- Establishments Closed: 0
- Complaints: 4
- Food Handler Classes: 58 signed up, 37 attended
- Inspections Food and General:
  - Food Inspections: 49
    - Food Follow up: 5
  - Hotel/Motel:
  - School: 10
  - Child Care: 11
- Food handler cards: 106
- Well and Septic Information Requests: 55
- Well Permits: 4
- Well Permit Renewal: 2
- Septic Permits:
  - Alternative systems: 13
  - Conventional system: 10
- Septic Finals: 2
- Septic Permit Renewal: 3
- Septic Seals DEP: 8
- Site evaluation for permits: 33
- Subdivision/Minor Plat Changes: 2
- Home loan evaluations: 2
  - Water evaluations: 2
  - Septic evaluations: 0
- Rabies:
  - Animal Encounter (Bites and scratches) Reports Received: 15
  - Sent for Testing: 2
Family Planning, BCCSP, and STD:
- 32 Family Planning Encounters
- 2 BCCSP Encounters
- STD
  - 10 Tested
  - 4 Treated

Infectious Disease:
- 1 Salmonellosis
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 6 Campylobacteriosis
- 2 CRE
- 2 Giardiasis
- 1 Cryptosporidiosis
- 2 Lyme
- 1 Group B Strep

TB:
- 8 Skin Tests
- 4 Screening Letters

Immunizations:
- 27 Patient Encounters
- 42 Vaccines Administered

Harm Reduction:
- 8 Vivitrol and/or Urine Drug Screen Encounters

Thank you!

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