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**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 24, 2019**

**ATTENDEES: Joan Searl, RN, Chairwoman
Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Member
Michael Meagher, Member
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.**

Meeting Open: 6:33 PM

AGENDA:

First agenda item is interview for potential interim health agent, Richard Lombard and Joseph Tevald. Richard Briscoe, R. A. Briscoe, Inc., 61 Garrison St., Groveland, MA was in attendance. Former Board member Richard Lombard was the first candidate to interview with the Board. Richard told the Board that he sat on the Board of Health for approximately eight (8) years and worked on the Board with Joan Searl for some of that time. He said he sold his house here in Groveland and is currently living in Haverhill. Searl asked Richard about his qualifications for the health agent position. Richard stated that he is a Registered Sanitarian. Kadar-Hull asked Richard if he retained a Pool Operator Certification because we have public and semi-public pools that require inspections. Richard said he did not. Searl said time is of the essence and we need the health agent to start work tomorrow because we have septic systems being installed that require inspections. Richard said he would be available to perform inspections tomorrow. Searl told Richard we have another candidate to interview and the Board will contact you after the meeting when we have reached a decision.

The second candidate to interview with the Board had not yet arrived so the Board addressed 678 Salem St. septic system plan review. Lori told the Board that the homeowner asked her today if this could be placed on the agenda for this meeting because he has a closing date the first week in November. Richard Briscoe told the Board that the engineer could not attend tonight and the homeowner asked Richard to attend to explain the septic system that he has been hired to install. Richard told the Board that he will be installing a Presby system with the bed in the front of the house, a new 1500 gallon tank and there are no variances. Richard said the gas service to the house has to be relocated. Richard said when a Presby system is installed, the Essex Registry of Deeds has to be notified and the homeowner did so on November 6th. Searl asked Richard if there is a reserve area. Richard said there is no reserve area because it is not required for repair/upgrade of an existing system. Searl made a motion to approve the septic system plan for 678 Salem St., Meagher seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

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Next the Board interviewed the second interim health agent candidate, Joseph Tevald. Searl told the Board that she knows Joe because she sat on the Board when he was the health agent years ago. Joe told the Board that he lives in Haverhill. Meagher asked Joe if he still is a Certified Soil Evaluator? Joe said he will have to renew that certification because being out of the health field for some time now some of his certifications have lapsed. Searl asked Joe if he was ServSafe Food Safety Certified? Joe said he was not but he is willing to take the course to receive certification. Kadar-Hull asked if he had the Pool Operator Certification and Joe said he did not but would take the course to become certified. Richard Briscoe asked the Chair if he could comment. Briscoe stated that it is most important that the health agent be a soil evaluator because someone who is not a soil evaluator witnesses a perc test and you need a reduction to ground water, you can't take it because the town agent has to be a soil evaluator to do that. Searl asked Joe to get his soil evaluator certification up to date as soon as possible. Meagher agreed and said we need you to renew your soil evaluator and ServSafe Food Safety certifications. Meagher said food establishment inspections will need to be done in January so that will be coming up soon. Searl told Joe we have two septic system inspections that need to be done tomorrow on Merritt Ave. and Center St. Joe told the Board that he has a part time job and the days he would have available to work in Groveland would be Wednesdays and Thursdays. Joe told the Board he will reschedule so that he can do these two inspections on Friday. Searl made a motion that the Board appoint Joe Tevald as interim health agent, Meagher seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Next the Board discussed the email sent to them on October 23, 2019 from Chief Gillen with regard to rabid animals and a bill in the amount of \$100 from Newbury Animal Hospital sent to the Finance Director and then given to the Health Department for payment. Searl stated that we have never received rabies bills in the past and this pertains to the Animal Control Officer who is employed by the Police Department. Furthermore, this department works with a very limited budget and we don't have the money to pay rabies bills. The Board agreed. Searl said that she would investigate further and also speak to the Finance Director about this bill because it was sent to the Finance Director.

Next agenda item is to review meeting minutes for approval. Searl made a motion to approve meeting minutes of October 7, 2019, Meagher seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned: 7:59 PM

Next Board of Health meeting will be scheduled as needed.
Minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.