

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
BOARD OF HEALTH**

**DAVID CARON, CHAIRMAN
ROBERT WENTZELL, CHAIR
SANDRA GUYETTE, CLERK**

* Members present: David Caron, Robert Wentzell and Sandra Guyette.

The meeting was held at the Town Hall on Saturday, October 28, 1995 and called to Order by David Caron at 10:00 a.m.

First on the Agenda, David Caron opened the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Maloney appeared before the Board and acknowledged receipt of a Certified Letter dated October 25, 1995, concerning health code violations. The Maloneys also indicated that they had made several attempts to reach Ronald Nicoll, Health Agent, concerning same, but had unsuccessful. David Caron then inquired as to whether or not the Maloneys were doing anything to correct the violations. Mr. Maloney indicated that there was no problem with the plumbing and that it had been tested. He also indicated that he was evicting the tenant (Stromberg) for negligence and noise and not as a result of the Board of Health action. He also indicated that Ron Nicoll did the inspection on the same day the tenants were served with the eviction papers. David Caron indicated that Ron Nicoll had made several attempts to reach the Maloneys in an attempt to resolve the issue with Mr. and Mrs. Maloney and the tenant and it was to everyone's advantage to handle the matter on this level as opposed to the state level. Mr. Maloney then stated that the windows upstairs were not unsafe or unusable as indicated in the letter to him. David Caron indicated that Ron Nicoll was the Health Agent and that the Board of Health could not intervene. Mr. Stromberg indicated that he would like to meet with Ronald Nicoll in that the tenants had filed suit against him and a court date had been scheduled. David Caron indicated that there were no emergency problems, but that something should be done to repair the window and that Ronald Nicoll would reinspect the premises thereafter. David Caron also instructed the Clerk to contact Ronald Nicoll and if, in fact, the Maloneys were complying with the Orders of the Board, to draft a letter for the Maloneys indicating that the Maloneys were complying with the Orders of the Board of Health for their use in court.

Second the Agenda, Robert Wentzell indicated that it would be beneficial if the Health Agent was present at all Board of Health and then made a Motion, which was Seconded by David Caron to require Ronald Nicoll, Health Agent, to be present at regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Health. The Board Voted UNANIMOUSLY in favor thereof.

Third on the Agenda, Bob Wentzell indicated that he had spent time with Richard Cox concerning the Central Artery Tunnel Grant and that it needed to be typed out by the Clerk, signed by the Selectmen and submitted, in duplicate, by November 3rd.

Fourth on the Agenda, Bob Wentzell indicated that there were classes at Worcester State College on November 15th concerning

Title V and a course on the Betterment Act on November 16th and that he would make attempts to attend both.

*IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT RONALD NICOLL appeared before the Board at 11:00 a.m. and was advised of the VOTE to have him attend regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Health and he indicated that he would.

Fifth on the Agenda, Bob Wentzell indicated that he received a copy of a Memorandum from the Police Department concerning junk cars at 15 Howard Street. Ronald Nicoll indicated that he had also been advised of the situation and that he had gone to the site, but that it was a Zoning issue and not a Board of Health issue. Robert Wentzell then requested the Clerk send a note to the Selectmen advised them that the Board had reviewed the situation and did not feel it was a Board of Health issue, but rather a Zoning issue to be handled by the Zoning Inspector.

Sixth on the Agenda, Bob Wentzell discussed the issue of Septage Permits and the fact that the Upper Blackstone Water Abatement District supplies the Town with a permit for each residence pumped, that the hauler uses one for pumping, and he was concerned about who was filling out the permits and that only Board of Health members should be issuing permits. He also indicated that the Town charges \$6 permit and does all the paper work and that the average price assessed by most towns was \$15 for a septage permit.

Seventh on the Agenda, Bob Wentzell indicated that he had received a letter from the DEP regarding 124 Quaboag Street and that the owners had agreed to install a tight tank.

Eighth on the Agenda, Bob Wentzell indicated the need to review the budget and to have all necessary paperwork in by January.

Ninth on the Agenda, Bob Wentzell indicated that he had received the paperwork on the Betterment Act and that Brookfield was allotted \$100,000.00. He further indicated guidelines needed to be established and that the paperwork needed to be sent into the state by December 31, 1995. He also indicated that the Town could either give the money out as a Loan or as a Betterment (attach lien to property taxes for 10 to 20 years @ 5% interest) and that he felt the Betterment was the best way to go because it would provide the Town with control. He also indicated that the State suggested that the Town pick three or four homes with the worst septic problems to start off with and that a structured system needs to be in place. The Board then considered areas in need and 13 and 19 Central Street and Town Farm Road were all mentioned.

Tenth on the Agenda, Bob Wentzell indicated that he has attending several seminars and put a lot of mileage on his car. After brief discussion, David Caron made a Motion, which was Seconded by Robert Wentzell, and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that Robert Wentzell would keep track of his mileage and submit same for reimbursement.

Eleventh on the Agenda, all matters having been addressed, Robert Wentzell made a Motion, which was Seconded by David Caron and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Sandra Guyette, Clerk.

Minutes Approved:

Date: 1-27-96

David Caron
David Caron, Chairman

R. Wentzell
Robert Wentzell

Sandra Guyette
Sandra Guyette, Clerk