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December 1st, 2015

7:00 PM Salisbury Town Hall

Board Members Present:

Dan Richard, Ron Laffely, Bob Sheeran

Staff:

Jack Morris

Meeting called to order

Minutes

November 3rd, 2015

Ron makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. Dan seconds the motion. 2 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion passes.

We have a new member, Mr. Bob Sheeran of 6 Linda Lane.

1. Joseph Dabrowski/Brent Cummings

Discussion regarding tattoo/piercing license

Brent Cummings asks to review the issue of previous meetings.

Dan has reviewed the model regulations from the Massachusetts website.

Ron looked at the recommendations of Mr. Cummings and Mr. Dabrowski. Ron believes the business owner should be responsible for training. This should not be the responsibility of the town. He also wants an internship done in its entirety at one facility to allow for continuity. He believes the internship should be based upon hours, not years, and that the interns need to know safety training regarding medical issues.

Mr. Cummings explains that the internship is normally a year. He wanted to put a day amount (4 days per week) to suggest how much training an individual receives. Dan agrees that there is a necessary timeframe to learn how to perform body art safely.

Ron wants to know how people are screened prior to hiring. Mr. Cummings considers this a gray area. Some practitioners are experienced but may not qualify in the town to work. These

individuals may need less training. There are no state regulations, so it is more difficult to hire professionals because each town could have different regulations. A lot of towns do use the model regulations verbatim, but others do not. When regulations are too lofty for individuals to reach, this can result in illegal practicing.

Ron wants the business owner and trainer responsible for what is taught. It should be pertinent to the field. A body piercer may never use knowledge of the cardiovascular system, but they do take courses on skin disease and their working with the anatomy leads to learning about the anatomy. Ron wants there to be a test of sorts within the business that shows an individual is proficient as a practitioner.

Jack Morris states that their focus as a Board is to protect the public health. They should not take all of their information from the industry. They require a third party to balance the information. Mr. Cummings explains that the Board of Health in Amherst, Massachusetts would give a test with general anatomy relative to body training. The facilities would give a syllabus about what would be tested.

Dan explains that they need to solve issues surrounding the groups of artists who have been practicing for six years and have not met the stipulations and of the new groups of artists entering town. Ron is focused on reaching this goal while maintaining public safety. They need someone qualified to teach the necessary information. College courses do not make someone qualified. Mr. Cummings feels that experience makes one qualified because that is how individuals gain experience. One cannot learn without practicing, and that must take place over time. Being good at the art is not an issue of safety. It takes years to become an artist whereas the safety aspects can be taught and monitored for a shorter period of time.

Ron mentions that other jobs have a clear understanding of what one needs in that field. Seeing these qualifications would ease the Board's concerns about standards set. Dan feels that safety is essentially meeting OSHA.

Jack says that if the Board chooses to change legislation they may choose to adopt reciprocity the licenses of artists. Joseph Dabrowski will be receiving a license in 2016 and his apprentice license will be extended to cover a lapse of fourteen days.

Ron makes a motion to accept of a Letter of Certification of training for Joseph Dabrowski and Brent Cummings for their licenses. Bob seconds. Dan votes to approve. 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

Ron makes a motion to prorate half of Mr. Dabrowski's licensing fee towards next year's license. Bob seconds. Dan votes to approve. 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

1. Evaluation, Discussion, Possible Amendment and Editing of the Board of Health Rules and Regulations

Jack will be editing them and present them to the Board sometime in February after advertising a public hearing. Ron asks about inconsistencies in the literature. This will all be edited.

Health Officer's Report

The next report is not available until the end of December. It will be presented sometime in February.

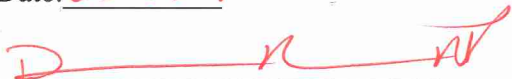
The current issue facing the Board is extensive flocks of turkeys. The Board may be used as a conduit to discuss this issue with the public should destruction need to occur.

An email was sent to the Board that the individual wanted read into public minutes. The Board wants to look at it before responding. They also need a policy about open letters sent to the Board.

Adjourn

Bob makes a motion to adjourn. Ron seconds. Dan votes to approve. 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

Date: 05-03-16



Daniel Richard – Chairperson



Ron Laffely—Vice Chairperson

Bob Sheeran

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Scott

Catherine Scott

Date