
2.18 BOH meeting update.

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Good Afternoon, all,

Just a couple of quick updates prior to our meeting tonight.

Corsello & Float Spa: Variances are completed and all set.

Attached is the 2025 Infectious Disease Report for Easthampton for your review.

99 East Street: The owners will be present tonight to provide an update on the property. Hopefully, we will see some improvement.

Temporary Housing Issues:

On January 30, I received an email from DPW stating that the Water Department has been repeatedly called to 99 East Street regarding frozen water lines in the basement of the structure, which are connected to the camper. Water service to the property was shut off on January 30.

DPW restored water service at 99 East Street on February 10 after the property owner exposed the service line by removing a portion of the concrete floor and wrapping the line in heat tape. While the line from the street to the meter is currently thawed and flowing, the line extending from the meter to the camper remains frozen solid. The owner is currently investigating methods to prevent this from recurring.

Other City departments have also raised concerns regarding the temporary housing beyond the water issue. Building Commissioner Gardner has requested to be present tonight as well. According to the Building Commissioner, the RV does not meet City ordinance or building code requirements for temporary housing, and he will explain this to the owners.

Given the ongoing concerns, I recommend removing the approved temporary housing status. Additionally, we should consider initiating the process for court-appointed receivership to ensure the violations are corrected.

Nicotine-Free Generation (NFG):

If the Board is open to it, I would like to schedule an in-person public hearing to hear from Easthampton residents and businesses regarding the potential adoption of a Nicotine-Free Generation policy. I suggest scheduling it a few weeks to a month out so we can properly notify businesses and residents and ensure information is posted in advance. Putting a date on the books would allow adequate time for outreach and public engagement.

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Thank you,

This all sounds great. I have been thinking of removing the temporary housing order, as this seems like a never-ending battle. The city and neighbors deserve better.

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