

Cayuga County Board of Health
Special Meeting held on March 3, 2020
12:00pm at Dill Street

Members Present: Dr. John Cosachov
Dr. Brian Brundage
Mr. Tim Fessenden
Mr. Ralph Battista
Ms. Elane Daly
Dr. Cassandra Archer

Members Excused: Mr. Keith Batman

Staff Present: Eileen O'Connor
Kathleen Cuddy
Rich Graham- County Attorney's Office
Brittany Massi- County Attorney's Office
Megan Bell

Meeting began at 12:00pm

Eileen began by giving some background on the Locust Meadow Mobile Home Park. The Board had previously approved a Board of Health order that was served upon the LLC for the mobile home park. The County Attorney's office recently reviewed the Board of Health order and before moving forward with any action needed to amend the order and have the Board vote upon the amended order.

Rich from the County Attorney's office shared that to make things more consistent he changed anywhere in the Order where it stated Ms. Hitchins name to state Locust Meadow, LLC. He pointed out to the Board on which pages in the amended order where that change occurred. He also added the Hearing Officer's findings to the beginning of the order which are not typically included, but with an order of this length and involvement he felt it would be beneficial.

Elane asked if this was going to go to the Court. Eileen shared that she believed it would as she did not expect Ms. Hitchins to act on this new amended order since she had not acted on the previous order.

Elane asked what the court's relief will be. Rich shared that we will ask for a penalty and also ask for an injunction to enforce order, but most likely Ms. Hitchins will not comply. Rich then reviewed what options the Board would have at that point. Eileen reviewed what course of action was taken in a previous case with Walnut Grove MHP, another non-compliant mobile home park.

Eileen also shared that she has been contacted by a person interested in purchasing the mobile home park.

The Board also asked about the residents who are living there and how the Board's decision may affect those individuals. Eileen shared that staff distribute Boil Water Orders to the residents every three months. Staff also collect annual surveillance samples of the water and the most recent sample collected had a chlorine residual. However, it is not clear if anyone is consistently monitoring the water system.

The Board discussed more options with Rich. Rich shared that there are varying options, but first we must get an approval from the Board on the amended order.

A motion to accept the amended order was made by Ralph Battista and seconded by Dr. Brian Brundage with all other members in attendance in favor.

The Board asked what the timeline would look like now that the amended order has been adopted by the Board of Health. Elane asked if we have to locate Ms. Hitchins to have her served. Rich shared that they would serve the LLC via the State Department of State. The County Attorney's office would wait two weeks from service then file the judgement and then it takes 30 days from the filing to allow for response from the LLC.

Kathleen provided the Board with a brief Covid-19 virus update. There has been lots of activity at the State level. Once information has become a little more concrete the Health Department will be sending out a provider update outlining updated testing information. Similar to all other outbreak scenarios it is being requested that if a provider has a patient present to their office that they reach out to the local Health Department for assistance. The Board asked how long test results take to come back. Kathleen shared that she not sure as of yet as they are still discussing Wadsworth laboratory reviewing the samples. We are hosting a first responder meeting in conjunction with emergency management on Friday similar to how we did with Ebola. Kathleen is attending a meeting in Albany with NYSACHO where the focus will be Covid-19.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 12:42pm.