

Minutes of the Ashburnham Board of Health
March 2, 2009

Present: Glenn Hathaway, Chairman, Scott Sibley, Thomas Flanagan, Patrick Durkee,
Acting Secretary, Rick Metcalf, Health Agent
Absent: John McLaughlin

6:35 PM Glenn Hathaway convenes the Meeting

- Agenda was approved with two exceptions:
 - Sara Delisio was unable to attend due to the weather
 - Northland Engineering to continue to next month
- Minutes of February 2, 2009 were approved

6:40 PM Reviewing Correspondence

- Rick will look into Battery/Mercury disposal information for the Board to consider a possible date in the future

6:55 PM Septic Permits

- Robert and Joan Goodall: 63 Stodge Meadow Drive
- Michael and Joanne Catlin: 43 Lincoln Avenue

- BOH Meetings in Conflict with Holidays
 - July date changed to July 13
 - September date changed to September 14

- 142 Ashby Road complaint – Rick to send letter

7:00 PM Hearings

1. 73 Fitchburg Road – Richard Boutwell

Abutters present: Wayne and Terry Adams (Recording Hearing on cassette)

John Deline of Deline Engineering presented sewage disposal upgrade.

- Green cards submitted to BOH
- 100' to 50' Variance from nearest wetland
- Offset to groundwater from 4' to 3'

Wayne Adams asked who did the laboratory/soil test. Deline said sample was sent to UMASS. Wayne asked to review the results. Wayne noted that the wells were contaminated and the site could never be given a clean bill of health. Wayne said the water line should have gone down much further than it did. Wayne said anyone getting into this septic system is getting into a pile of shit with him. Wayne said ignorance of the site is not wise in making a decision. Wayne said again this site will never be able to get a clean bill. Rick said the last LSP report signed off on the site.

Wayne then stated that Handex Labs put a demon on that site which can not be released without a federal judge release. Rick said the report from the LSP said it was reaching acceptable background levels with the new water line. Rick said that according to the LSP report, there are no restrictions on the site. John from Deline was planning on sending the plan to the LSP for their recommendation on the plan. Wayne asked the Board of Health to consider doing the right thing when considering what to do with the site.

Wayne asked Deline if he had tested the air quality in the building. Deline said he designs septic systems. Wayne warned that the BOH will face their day in court if they vote to approve this system.

Wayne asked the BOH to look at the contaminants on this site, who would be hauling it. Rick said we could make any restrictions on the construction. Wayne said he will be filming the whole construction process, license plate, etc.. Terri Adams said it's the air borne contaminants that will be released upon any construction in the ground. Wayne stated that Deline would be responsible for any future damages caused by installing a new septic system.

Wayne and Terri presented a list of questions in regards to the design and construction of the system. See attached pages.

BOH unanimously voted to continue the Hearing and have the Deline design/construction reviewed by the LSP. Deline will not schedule their next Hearing until Deline has heard back from the LSP.

7:40 PM Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Patrick Durkee, Acting Secretary