

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held at the Houghton Building on **September 24, 2013** at 6:30PM

Members Present: Christopher Slade, Chair, Christopher Rogers, Member and Scott Powell, Clerk

Also Present: Bill Brookings, Health Agent, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health and
Michelle Carlisle, Health and Permitting Assistant

Call to order: 6:40pm

Minutes reviewed for 9/10/13:

- **C. Rogers moved to approve the minutes of 9/10/13, C. Slade 2nd. All in favor 2/0.**

Mail Reviewed:

Action/Discussion:

- Medical Marijuana Regulation.
 - o B. Brookings attended a seminar regarding the state regulations. He stated that any local regulations can't conflict with the state regulations.
 - o **Move to next agenda**
- Proposed revision to Board of Health Regulations.
 - o **Move to next agenda.**
- Workplace smoking regulation.
 - o **Move to next agenda.**
- 60 S. Bolton Rd. – trash complaint.
 - o C. Slade recused himself from the discussion but remained at the table to answer any questions as the property owner.
 - o Jonathan Keep appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding the business at this property.
 - o His major concern is the proximity to the school and sports fields. There is a trail going from one of the fields to this property.
 - o Jonathan asked what the intention of the property owner was regarding the removal of the barrels.
 - o C. Slade responded as the property owner that yes he does have some barrels of anti-freeze, #2 heating oil, and hydrolic oil but they are elevated and covered and it is his intention to move them off the site. He stated his location is not within the Zone 1 of the nearby public water supplies. He is no longer storing fuel on the site. C. Slade also stated that he will post more "no trespassing" signs and stated that children shouldn't be trespassing on private property.
 - o Jonathan asked where the property line in because of the path.
 - o C. Rogers stated that the Board is aware of this property and that the Board has been on the site and doesn't see it as an environmental hazard. C. Rogers also stated that the Board is comfortable with C. Slade's action plan that was presented at a recent previous meeting to the Board. C. Rogers also stated that he would like to see the path that Jonathan is talking about.
 - o S. Powell asked if the path and safety issue are a Board of Health issue. C. Rogers stated that public safety is a Board of Health issue.
 - o Jonathan asked what the time frame is to have the barrels removed from the site.
 - o Jonathan asked about removing the tires because it is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. C. Rogers stated that there are several properties in town that have tires on them and it is a huge expense to clean them up. C. Rogers also stated that this Board tried to get the Town to become a member of the Central Mass Mosquito Control Project which would've included the removal of tires, but the Town voted it down.
 - o S. Powell stated that he and C. Rogers would re-visit the site and B. Brooking would contact DEP to confirm
- 87 East End Rd. – housing violation.
 - o **Move to next agenda.**
- 434 S. Bolton Rd. – housing violation.

- o **Move to next agenda.**
- B. Brookings informed the Board that Nashoba Regional School is building a new concession stand with bathrooms. Board can't sign it until DEP approves and confirms that the structure won't be in the Zone 1 of the PWS and that flow isn't increased for the wastewater treatment plant.

Building Permits Reviewed:

- Lot 3 Frye Road – new house. B. Brookings signed 9/4/13.
- 48 Meadow Road – in-ground pool. B. Brookings signed 9/5/13.
- 99 Berlin Rd. – deck. B. Brookings signed 9/13/13.

Septic Permits Reviewed:

- 413 Harvard Rd. – distribution box permit.
 - o No information provided.
- Lot 2 Long Hill Rd. – redesign.
 - o No information provided.
- 43 Teele Rd. – tank repair permit.
 - o Board signed.

Inspections reviewed:

- 602 Sugar Rd. – Title 5.
 - o **Move to next agenda.**

7:00 – 7:15pm Joel Frisch, Northeast Geoscience, Inc. regarding the Landfill monitoring wells.

- Joel Frisch appeared before the Board to discuss the monitoring wells at the Landfill and the abutting private residences. Joel reviewed the location of all the wells including the ones that were destroyed when the landfill was capped.
- DEP mandated that several private wells abutting landfill be monitored, which the Board does. The wells at the landfill are gravel wells and most of the private wells are bedrock.
- The private wells are only tested for VOCs. Arsenic is naturally occurring and metals can come from copper pipes in the house which can't be directly connected to the landfill.
- Joel stated that there are some small saplings growing that should be removed. C. Rogers asked that Joel put that in his next report so the Board can let the DPW know. Woody vegetation can compromise the landfill cap.
- C. Slade asked if the Board should adopt a policy that the residential wells are tested for VOCs only and if a resident would like to test for metals, Joel could do that for a minimal cost.
- Board has agreed to adopt the policy to test for VOCs only. Any resident can contact Joel directly with any questions and to add the metals testing. Joel will only charge for the lab costs.

C. Rogers moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:57pm, C. Slade 2nd. All in favor 3/0.