

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held at the Houghton Building on **October 14, 2014** at 6:00 PM

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: 6:06pm

Minutes reviewed for September 23, 2014:

- **S. Powell moved to approve the minutes of September 23, 2014, C. Slade 2nd. Motion passes 2/0.**

Mail Reviewed:

Action/Discussion:

- Shared System and Nitrogen Aggregation fees – proposed Amendment to the Board of Health Fees Established Regulation.
 - **Move to next agenda.**
- Sunset Ridge Lane – Presby System.
 - Two residents appeared before the Board to ask if we had seen the proposed plan for the fix. They received an email stating that Sunset Ridge has hired an installer, who Sunset Ridge will pay for, and the work will be completed in two weeks.
 - B. Brookings asked that if they see work, to please call him.
- 29 Ledgewood Circle – irrigation well variance.
 - **Move to next agenda.**
- 22 Houghton Farm Lane, Lot 3 – variance request.
 - B. Brookings informed the Board that variance request is no longer required because the applicant is moving the sewer line to meet the regulations and has pulled a permit with B. Brookings.
- 401 Main Street – rat complaint.
 - Board reviewed the email from Valerie Ritter and Craig Macrae of 392 Main Street regarding the ongoing issue of rats at 401 Main Street, to prepare for their appearance before this Board at 7:15pm.
 - C. Slade stated that he would like to check in with Earnest Farms and obtain a report from Marlboro Pest Control regarding the issue in the next two weeks.
 - S. Powell would also like to ask Marlboro Pest Control for their professional opinion as to how to maintain control of the rats.
 - Board agrees to have C. Slade contact Earnest Farms for more information.
 - **Add to next agenda.**
- 48 Meadow Road – proposed ½ bath in garage.
 - B. Brookings stated that there is a current building permit issued to finish a garage. But now the homeowner would like to add a half bath.
 - It's an existing 1250 gallon tank. There will be no increase in flow.
 - B. Brookings is asking if the Board will require an upgrade to a 1500 gallon.
 - Board has no issues with using the existing 1250 gallon tank.
- 562 Main Street – Clinton Savings Bank proposed relocation.
 - Board reviewed the MA Stormwater Handbook table RR provided to them by Erica Uriate, Bolton Town Planner. The Table stipulates offsets between the underground infiltration systems and a private well (100 ft) and septic systems (50 ft).
 - **M. Carlisle to ask Erica to keep the Board informed.**
- 5 Harvard Road – food prep and service use.
 - The Board was informed that the property owner was holding Barn Dinners for a fee without proper permits.

- Board discussed the written complaint received by Michael Hughes of 777 Main Street.
 - B. Brookings asked the Board if they would allow a licensed caterer to cater a dinner party and bring in porta-potty. Board agrees to that use.
- 87 Laurel Road – Geothermal well.
 - B. Brookings updated the Board on the proposed open-loop geothermal well.
 - Now adding a third well for the discharge.
- 141 Vaughn Hill Road upgrade – proposed 3 foot groundwater offset.
 - Board discussed the proposed plan which would require a variance to the groundwater offset.
 - Board stated the issues requiring the offset reduction are valid.
- 38 Vaughn Hill Road – outstanding well issue.
 - Board discussed that there are two wells on this property. In June of 2003 the Board approved the use of the then existing well as irrigation only with the following requirements: a letter from a plumber documenting the physical disconnection of the original well and a copy of recorded deed language acknowledging that there are two wells on the property one for irrigation and one for potable use.
 - Current procedure no longer requires that the language be recorded at the Registry of Deeds.
 - The Board is requiring a letter from a plumber documenting the physical disconnection of the original well from the house.
 - **M. Carlisle to send letter requesting this information.**
- 580 Main Street – new tenants, potential increase in flow.
 - A building permit was issued to renovate the old Emulex space. This would be an increase in flow. Board is requesting a meter reading.
 - **M. Carlisle to send letter.**

Building Permits Reviewed:

- 66 Oak Trail – new single family home. B. Brookings signed 9/30/14.
- 285 Long Hill Road – in-ground pool. B. Brookings signed 10/3/14.

Septic Permits Reviewed:

- 418 Main Street – distribution box and sewer line permit.
 - Board signed the permits.
- 67 Laurel Road – upgrade permit.
 - **Move to next agenda.**
- 423 Harvard Road – revised plan and permit.
 - Board signed the permit.
- 8 Chace Street Extension – upgrade permit with variance.
 - Board approved variance and signed permit.

Inspections reviewed:

- 38 Vaughn Hill Road – failure.
 - Failure.
 - **M. Carlisle to send letter. COC by September 1, 2016.**
- 102 Kettle Hole Road.
 - Board accepts.
- 484 S. Bolton Road.
 - Board accepts.
- 93 W. Berlin Road.
 - Requires a new tank.
 - Annual inspection by homeowner of the long sewer line was required and hasn't been done.
 - **M. Carlisle to send letter.**
- 103 Teele Road- upgrade approved on July 22, 2014 but the Form 9B wasn't signed.
 - Board signed Form 9B.

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6:30 – 6:45pm **Frank Patterson – 626 Main Street septic design.**

- Frank Patterson did not attend.

6:45 – 7:00pm **Neil Gorman – Ross Associates, 8 Chace Street Extension upgrade.**

- Neil Gorman of Ross Associates, Joe Dzwilewski Sr. and Fran Dzwilewski, property owners, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed upgrade and request a variance to groundwater offset from 4 feet to 3 feet for both Title 5 and local regulations.
- Existing well has been abandoned and they have tied into Clinton Town Water.
- B. Brookings stated that the code does allow for the 1 foot offset.
- **C. Rogers moved to approve the variance as presented, S. Powell 2nd. Motion passes 3/0.**
- **M. Carlisle to send letter.**

7:15 – 7:30pm **Valerie Ritter and Craig Macrae – rat complaint.**

- Valerie Ritter and Craig Macrae of 392 Main Street appeared before the Board to discuss the ongoing rat issue at 401 Main Street.
- Mr. Macrae states that there are rat catacombs under the brush pile and the barn. It's getting cold now and the rats are coming out of the wetlands.
- The bait boxes on their property are being hit now and they are concerned there will be another infestation.
- C. Slade discussed the current status. Marlboro Pest had been out. There is no current evidence of rats on the property. Just a little evidence of traffic between the wetlands and the bait boxes.
- C. Slade stated he will obtain the records from Marlboro Pest Control and ask them what their professional opinion is for future control and ongoing maintenance.
- Ms. Ritter stated there are approximately 30 goats, 15 chickens and 5 ducks currently on the 401 Main Street property.

C. Rogers moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:59pm, S. Powell 2nd. Motion passes 3/0.