

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held at the Houghton Building on **October 28, 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: 6:08pm

Minutes reviewed for October 14, 2014:

- **C. Rogers moved to approve the minutes of October 14, 2014, S. Powell 2nd. Motion passes 3/0.**

Mail Reviewed:

Action/Discussion:

- Shared System and Nitrogen Aggregation fees – proposed Amendment to the Board of Health Fees Established Regulation.
 - **Move to next agenda.**
- 29 Ledgewood Circle – irrigation well variance.
 - **Move to next agenda.**
- 401 Main Street – rat complaint.
 - C. Slade informed the Board of his discussion with Ben Schlosser of 401 Main Street and Marlboro Pest Control. Marlboro Pest stated that they are working with Ben and feel that the program is working.
- Sunset Ridge Lane – Presby vent system.
 - Board reviewed the letter and As-Built that was sent by Heritage Properties.
 - B. Brookings stated that the As-Built is not correct.
 - **M. Carlisle to send a letter asking for a correct As-Built.**
- 293 Wattaquaddock Hill Road – Cultec Bed, occupancy.
 - Board sent a letter back in 2010 when the Cultec Bed was installed stating that a Title 5 would be required two years after occupancy. Two years have passed, but the Board no longer requires Title 5 inspections after occupancy of a property with an alternative system.
 - Board is not requiring the Title 5 Inspection.
- Stable Licenses.
 - **Move to next agenda.**
- 600 Main Street - fly infestation.
 - B. Brookings contacted the resident who had the flies. By the time he called, the hazmat team had already been out to take care of the problem.
- The Board has cancelled the next meeting on 11/11/14 due to the Veterans Day Holiday.
 - **M. Carlisle to let the Town Clerk know.**

Building Permits Reviewed:

- None

Septic Permits Reviewed:

- 67 Laurel Road – upgrade permit.
 - Requires a variance to property line offset and distance from well to septic tank.
 - Property owners obtained letters from abutters approving the offset to property line.
 - Area is all ledge therefore not many places to put the septic tank.
 - **C. Rogers moved to approve variances as requested, C. Slade 2nd. Motion passes 3/0.**
 - **M. Carlisle to send letter.**
- 22 Houghton Farm Lane, Lot 3 – sewer line permit.
 - Variance free.
 - Board signed.

- 917 Main Street – upgrade permit.
 - o Variance request required.
 - o **Move to next agenda.**

Inspections reviewed:

- 66 Hudson Road.
 - o Garbage grinder needs to be removed.
 - o Indicates that the tank might have a leak.
 - o **M. Carlisle to send letter.**
- 23 Weathers Lane.
 - o Board accepts.

6:30 – 6:45pm Frank Patterson – 626 Main Street proposed septic uprade.

- Frank Patterson, property owner and Greg Roy, Ducharme & Dillis, appeared before the Board to review the proposed septic upgrade plan for 626 Main Street.
- Tight tank will stay in place in the event a hair salon would like to occupy the space.
- B. Brookings will review the plan and get back to the Board and Frank Patterson.
- Board is happy with the proposed plan.

7:15 – 7:30pm Ben Schlosser, 401 Main Street, Valerie Ritter and Craig Macrae, 392 Main Street – Rat issue at 401 Main Street.

- Ben Schlosser, 401 Main Street and Valerie Ritter and Craig Macrae, 392 Main Street, appeared before the Board to discuss the previous rat infestations at 401 Main Street and the possibility of a reoccurrence this winter.
- C. Slade stated that he contacted Marlboro Pest Control and that they feel the program is working and will be able to bring the population down and close to eradication.
- C. Slade stated that he believes it is now time to bring in the State - Department of Agriculture.
- C. Slade asked Ben what the population of his farm is.
- Ben stated that he has 20 goats, 3 ducks, 2 rabbits, 2 cats and he operates 200 chickens offsite but they will be coming back for the winter.
- Valerie asked if Ben would be having starter chickens. Ben stated he didn't know yet.
- Craig Macrae stated that even though there are no chickens, he still has food on the property.
- Ben stated that the food is kept in containers.
- C. Slade stated that the Department of Agriculture will help the Schlossers with good farm practice.
- Valerie Ritter stated that she contacted an expert and rats don't live in wetlands.
- Ben stated he will work with Marlboro Pest Control indefinitely.
- Valerie is asking Ben to change the bait to something that has an antidote.
- C. Rogers stated that we can't ask Ben to eradicate the rats and then tie his hands with what kind of bait to use.
- Craig Macrae agreed that Ben Schlosser needs to do whatever is necessary at this point to eradicate the rats.
- **M. Carlisle to contact Mike Cahill, Mass Department of Agriculture.**

C. Rogers moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:37pm, S. Powell 2nd. Motion passes 3/0.