

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held at the Houghton Building on March 8th, 2016 at 6:00 PM

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

Also Present: Jenny Jacobsen, Health and Permitting Assistant

Arrived Late: Chris Rogers, member

Not Present: Bill Brookings, Health Agent, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health

Call to order: 6:04 pm

Minutes reviewed for :

- C. Slade moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016, C. Rogers. 2nd. Motion passes 2/0.

Appointments:

- 6:15 pm- **D. Lowe** was invited to attend. He believes that Harold has asked the DEP every year if we can stop testing to no avail. The wells at the landfill are a separate issue from the testing at the DPW.
- 6:40 pm- **Northeast Geoscience Inc. (NGI)-J. Frisch** met with the Board to provide a better understanding of the well testing conducted at the landfill. The testing began in 1993 at the request of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for a period of 30 years. The DEP baseline was expanded after the new houses went in to include properties on Forbush Mill and Still River Road. The testing includes up gradient wells and down gradient wells to see what is coming out of the landfill. One of the wells has 3 – 4 feet of water in there at times. That well can be sampled but it is very difficult to do because the sample size obtained is so small. NGI tries to test for metals and VOC's from the samples. The other two down gradient wells are in a single boring very close together but at different depths. NGI can't put anything down into them to keep them open. Those wells have produced fine sand and silt. Right now they are full of sand. NGI uses a very fine screen but it still fills up directly after flushing. We need those wells. A possible solution is to use a dense screen though it might be difficult to pull a sample through it. The materials being tested for would be able to travel through the screen.
- Our current baseline is upgradient and down gradient wells and 4 private wells at 71, 65 (shared well), and 90 Still River and one property on Forbush Mill (white house). NGI also tests for soil gas.
- J. Frisch suggested contacting DEP to see if we need to continue monitoring based on the very good track record and the potential cost of getting the wells to serviceable condition.
- Board asked NGI to attempt to draw samples as soon as possible and to provide documentation of last year's experience.
- J. Frisch will call DEP and begin the conversation and follow up with a written request.
- J. Frisch will provide Board with a copy of the DEP requirements.

Mail Reviewed:

Action/Discussion:

- 25/27 Forbush Mill Road-
 - Board reviewed response letter.
 - Moved to next meeting when water test is in.
- Emergency Beaver Permit 495S
 - NABH issued permit on 3/4/16.
 - Board has no issues.

Building Permits Reviewed:

- 35 Danforth Lane (revised) (B. Brookings signed 3/2/2016)

Septic Permits Reviewed:

- Lot 6 Nourse Road
 - No variances.

- Board signed.
- Lot 1 Century Mill Road
 - C. Slade recused himself.
 - Redesign.
 - 4 bedroom septic plan FAST unit
 - No Variances
 - Board signed.

Inspections reviewed:

- 31 Sargent Road
 - Board accepts.
- 337 Still River Road
 - Board accepts.

Other business:

Main Street- Board has not had a response from 725 Main Street.
Board would accept a tight tank from either of these parties to get rid of the imminent public danger.

C. Rogers moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:08 pm, S. Powell. 2nd. Motion passes 3/0.