

**BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**

Meeting Held at the Houghton Building on **September 13, 2016** at 6:30 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 Jenny Jacobsen, Health and Permitting Assistant

Call to order: 6: 35 pm

**Minutes reviewed for :**

- **C. Slade moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2016. S. Powell 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2/0**
- **C. Slade moved to approve the minutes of August 23, 2016, C. Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes 2/0.**

**Mail Reviewed:**

- Board received an email from Cindy Jaquith regarding 163 Kettle Hole Road. Board will add a discussion of Air B&Bs to a future agenda.
- J. Jacobsen asked if the meeting should be televised. Board determined that the discussion will be for information gathering and discussion only.

**Action/Discussion:**

- C. Slade updated the Board of Selectmen acceptance of the Board of Health Broadcast revision dated August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.
- Nomination of representative for Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness 2016-2017
  - C. Slade made a motion to have Jenny as the representative to the Emergency Plan. C. Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3/0.
  - C. Slade signed the assignment letter.
- 251 Sugar Road- Room Count
  - The Board had asked for a room count because the original Title 5 came in with an actual room count as a five bedroom on a four bedroom system, the Board had asked for a room count.
  - Board reviewed the updated Title 5 indicating an actual room count as four. Board is now satisfied.
- 60 South Bolton Road- Inspection Report
  - C. Slade recused himself from the discussion.
  - There was a request from DEP that we look at it. B. Brookings and C. Rogers went out to do a site visit and it appears to be down to just scrap metal. There has been forward motion toward progress on site.
  - Originally this came up when a previous abutter was selling a property.
  - Construction fence and posted signs were requested which have been done. Barrels have been removed. Two piles of tires for recycling remain along with trailers filled with hay. Gas, oil and batteries have all been removed as reported by C. Slade, representing the owner, though the inspection did not involve a thorough inspection of each vehicle.
  - S. Powell noted that he does not feel qualified to make a determination and asked if Nashoba is convinced that there is no threat to the ground water.
  - S. Powell asked if getting rid of this stuff prohibitively expensive. C. Slade reported that scrap steel is at an all time low.
  - C. Slade agreed to continue to sort it out so that it will be ready to unload.
  - C. Rogers reported that he was impressed by the volume of work that has been done since 2013.

- S. Powell requested that a priority be placed on guaranteeing that all gas, oil and batteries be removed before the before winter. C. Slade will send a letter to the Board of Health when that has been completed.
- B. Brookings will draft a letter to Mass DEP.
- 72 Long Hill Road
  - Building file contains a letter declaring that it is a single family home with an accessory apartment.
  - C. Slade spoke with S. Slater and said that he has leaching facility for greater than 4 bedrooms if he wants to update to a septic to accommodate that.
  - Septic file we have has a permit without bedrooms filled in. The system design allows for four bedrooms.
- Water Usage Discussion
  - The Board does have leverage if it is in the interest of public safety.
  - There have been 4 well replacements in the last 2 months. Still River was a Point well, one was a hand dug 12 foot well, 60 Annie Moore was a shallow drilled well which was deepened.
  - C. Rogers is concerned to create an unnecessary alarm when the number of wells that have had issues is very low.
  - Board will put an advisory notice together and put it on the website.

#### **Building Permits Reviewed:**

- 11 Autumn Lane-Accessory Apartment
  - S. Powell recused himself from the discussion.
  - C. Colosi appeared before the board. She has lived there for 25 years. Mother is selling her house in stow to hopefully move in with them. She wanted to have a garage. It couldn't be put in the back because of the turning radius. Now the garage is in the front. The septic tank may need to be moved closer to the leaching field in order to accommodate the driveway. They didn't want to get the approval to move the septic tank until they got approval for the accessory apartment. They will need to change the height elevation to accommodate the tank.
  - The addition is on a slab, but the contractor is concerned about digging that close to the septic tank. If the contractor is willing to dig that close to the tank, the Board would not have an issue with leaving the tank in the current location.
  - Board conducted a room count. Existing count- 4 on first floor, second floor 4 for a total of 8 rooms.
  - New count adds 3 rooms for a total of 11on a 5 bedroom septic.
  - If the building inspector is willing to sign off on the building permit, the Board would be ok to keep the tank in the current location.
  - B. Brookings will get the forms to allow the reduction to offset. The Board can use the local approval.
  - B. Brookings signed off on the building permit.
- 105 Oak Trail –new single family dwelling
  - Board conducted a room count-basement- 2, 1<sup>st</sup> floor- 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor-4 for a total of 11 rooms on a five bedroom septic.
  - B. Brookings signed off on the building permit.

**J. Jacobsen to get a copy of water test and well completion report to B. Brookings.**

- 91 Burnham Road- (B. Brookings signed 8/19/2016)
- 55 Teele Road addition (B. Brookings signed 9/8/2016)
- 139 Oak Trail (B. Brookings signed 9/8/2016)
- 1 McNulty Road screened porch on existing deck(B. Brookings signed 9/8/2016)
- 57 Vaughn Hill Road- detached garage (B. Brookings signed 9/8/2016)
- 69 Old Stone Circle (Lot 35B)-new single family dwelling (B. Brookings signed 9/8/2016)
- 65 Old Stone Circle (Lot 33A)-new single family dwelling (B. Brookings signed 9/8/2016)
- 139 Oak Trail-inground pool (B. Brookings signed 9/8/2016)

**Septic Permits Reviewed:**

- 356 Main Street
  - **Moved to next meeting.**
- Share Systems for Old Stone Circle
  - Lots 33 A and 34 A
  - Lots 35 B and 36 B
  - Lots 40 B and 41 B
    - **Moved to next meeting.**
- Lot 6 Oak Trail
  - **Moved to next meeting.**
- Lot 10A and Lot 11A Oak Trail
  - **Moved to next meeting.**
- 123 Nourse Road
  - **Moved to next meeting.**

**Inspections reviewed:**

- 79 Sampson Road
  - Board accepted.
- 539 Wattaquaddock Hill Road
  - Board accepted.
- 315 Sugar Road
  - Board accepted.
- 62 Vaughn Hill Road
  - Board accepted.
- 50 Vaughn Hill
  - Board accepted.
- 325 Berlin Road
  - Board accepted.
- 288 Long Hill Road
  - Board accepted.

**S. Powell moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 8:19 pm, C. Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes 3/0.**