



## Town of Boxford

### Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

February 12, 2014

7:30 PM

**Present:** Richard Fahrner, Richard Taylor, Louise Kress, Alexander Constan, Malcolm Kinnaird, Kendell Longo

**Other Attendees:** Molly Sorensen, John Morin, Jim Scanlan, Gerry McDonald, Richard and Lynette Pierce, Jerry and Suzanne Papin

#### Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Richard Fahrner

#### **Announcements, Minutes Review, and Bill Review:**

- Conservation Committee meeting and Board of Selectmen agreed to opt out on behalf of the town, mosquito spraying on land managed by Conservation Committee.
- Reiteration of requirements for opting out of mosquito spraying.
- Update on notification progress: In the last two weeks 175 notices to residents, 70 more to send out the next week, before the approaching deadline.
- **Review minutes from January 16, 2014 meeting**  
**Motion** to accept by **Taylor**, seconded by **Kinnaird**, motion **carried** with one abstaining.
- Bills reviewed and signed

#### **7:43 P.M. – 35 Lily Pond Continuance – John Morin**

- John Morin from the Morin-Cameron group represented homeowner Richard Pierce and provided information to the Board regarding the installation of sanitary disposal system. Original variance request had the leach field 400' from water supply but the tanks less than 400'. New plan shows meeting the setback requirement, but also involves clearing ¼ acre of land. A recorded registry plan from 1987 shows the location as a single lot. City of Haverhill has stated that having septic system as proposed would not impact the water supply.
- Owner Richard Pierce relays to board that he has had the lot since 1985. The new plan is inferior as the plateau would be an ideal place for a house and involve less tree removal.
- Motion by **Kinnaird**, seconded by **Taylor**, the board **carried** the motion with one abstaining, to **grant** variance to 35 Lily Pond as described by Morin-Cameron Group, conditional on compliance with recommendations from Haverhill Water Department requesting a deed restriction for no garbage grinder and requiring use of non or low phosphate detergent. Additional prerequisite includes inspection of the monolithic tank once every two years. The septic tank is to be no less than 270' from edge of pond, pumping chamber no less than 280' from pond.

### 8:11 P.M. – 24 Long Hill Rd – Jim Scanlan

- Jim Scanlan of Scanlan Engineering represented homeowner Donald Oliver and provided information to the board regarding the sanitary disposal system upgrade to the failing system at 24 Long Hill Road, a four bedroom residence, which included the following variance request: to allow a design for 110 gal/day where 165 gal/day is required with garbage grinder. Property on steep slope. No abutters present.
- Motion by **Taylor**, seconded by **Kinnaird**, the board voted **unanimously** to **grant** variance to 24 Long Hill, to allow reduction of 165 flow rate to 110 gal/day with the condition that a deed restriction be put in place stating no garbage grinder will be installed on the property.

### 8:19 P.M. – 32 Great Pond Dr. – Jim Scanlan

- Jim Scanlan of Scanlan Engineering represented homeowner Kevin Kontos and provided information to the board regarding the sanitary disposal system upgrade to the failing system at 32 Great Pond Drive, a four bedroom residence. Located on Baldpate Pond with surrounding wetlands. Current 660 gal/day design, proposing to use existing 1500 gal. tank and install 1500 gal. two compartment tank backwards so smaller chamber serves as second compartment and larger serves as pump chamber. This included the following variance requests:
  - Greater than 100' to wetlands where 150' is required for a less than 5 min./in. perc rate.
  - Design without alternative technology for at 120' where SAS within 300' of pond is required if designed with alternative technology.
- Board recommended for Mr. Scanlan to ask for a continuance and to design an alternative system based on research of phosphate pre-treatment systems under a piloting program and other abutters' systems.
- Abutters, Jerry and Suzanne Papin, concerned about tree removal and requested assurance that septic is not on their property. They will be notified of next meeting for continuance.
- Mr. Scanlan requested continuance, **unanimously granted**.

### 8:32 P.M. – 35 Ipswich Rd. – Gerry McDonald

- Gerry McDonald of HL Graham represented the Trustees of Reservations and provided information to the board regarding land near Cleveland Farm. Existing dwelling has 10 bedrooms with a system very close to well. This included the following variance request: To allow design for 100 gal/day flow rate without garbage grinder, where 165 gal/day is required with garbage grinder.
- **Motion** by **Taylor**, seconded by **Kinnaird**, the board voted **unanimously** to **grant** variance to 35 Ipswich Rd, to allow a reduction of 165 flow rate to 110 gallons per day for 35 Ipswich Rd with the condition that a deed restriction be put in place stating no garbage grinder will be installed on the property.

#### 8:45 P.M. – Annual Report Assignments

- Kress – Trash and Re-Organization
- Kinnaird – Ticks
- Taylor – Landfill, Law Suit
- Fahrner – Mosquito, EEE, Spraying

#### Other Business:

- Education reimbursement – the year in contract does not match. Suggestion to modify contract. Contract states courses must be complete between July ‘13 and June ‘14. Reimbursed in September for previous years, creating conflict. **Longo** will check with Ms. Benevento and Mr. Benson to make sure changing contract would solve the problem. Will address next meeting.
- Director of Public Health annual review. Mr. Benson sent forms to board members, which are due March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Finalization of review to be put on next agenda.
- NEMMC – **Fahrner** has requested a list of available dates to discuss the upcoming mosquito season.
- **Taylor** - Attempts to get landfill issue resolved, read email from Dwayne Hines regarding slow response to issues from DEP.

#### 8:57 P.M. – Adjourn

- The Board agreed to meet again on March 12, 2014 and with no further business, on a motion made by **Kress**, seconded by **Taylor**, the BOH voted **unanimously** to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Sorensen  
Minutes Secretary