



Town of Boxford

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

May 20, 2015

7:30 PM

Present: Richard Fahrner, Louise Kress, Richard Taylor, Hans Jeppesen, Kendell Longo

Absent: Heather Forand

Other Attendees: Samantha Holt, Jim Scanlan, Dan Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Richard Fahrner

Announcements, Minutes Review, and Bill Review:

- Mosquito season has begun, warnings and suggestions listed (**R. Fahrner**)
- Tick season has be begun, warnings and suggestions listed (**R. Fahrner**)
- Bills reviewed and signed

24 King Richard Drive – Dan Johnson (Engineer for Applicant)

- Dan Johnson presented plans and information to the board regarding the sanitary disposal system upgrade to the failing system at 24 King Richard Drive. The following variance requests were made:
 - To reduce the area of leaching by 50% with the use of alternative technology.
 - To allow leaching area to be greater than 100' from wetlands where 150' is required.
 - To allow 141', 127', 125', and 100' setbacks from leaching area to owner's and abutter's wells where 150' is required.
 - No abutters were present.
- On a **motion** by **L. Kress**, seconded by **R. Fahrner**, the board voted **unanimously** to **grant** the following variances to 24 King Richard Drive:
 - To allow the Soil Absorption System (SAS) to be no less than 100' from the wetlands where 150' is required.
 - To allow the SAS to be no less than 100' from the owner's and abutter's wells where 150' is required.
 - To allow a 50% reduction of the size of the leaching area with the use of waterloo biofilter under remedial use approval of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Variance granted upon the conditions that wetland delineation shown on the plan is confirmed by the Conservation Commission or the Conservation Administrator and a nitrogen-reducing alternative technology is included in the system design, and that the system will be operated and maintained in compliance with the remedial use approval of the DEP for waterloo biofilter. Variance is granted based on the system as designed being an improvement over the existing system and is the best solution given the physical restrictions of the property.

16 Lakeshore Road – Jim Scanlan (Engineer for Applicant)

- Jim Scanlan presented plans and information to the board regarding the sanitary disposal system upgrade to the failing system at 16 Lakeshore Road. The following variance requests were made:
 - To allow 60' setback from owner's well where 100' is required.
 - To allow system to be designed without a garbage grinder to reduce size of leaching area.
- On a **motion** by **L. Kress**, seconded by **R. Taylor**, the board voted **unanimously** to **grant** the following variances to 16 Lakeshore Road:
 - To allow the Soil Absorption System (SAS) to be no less than 60' from owner's well where 100' is required.
 - To allow a variance on the design without a garbage grinder.
 - No abutters were present.
- The variance is granted upon the conditions that: the deed restriction is placed on the property stating that the garbage grinder is prohibited from being installed, the owner's well is tested for Title 5 water testing, the well is evaluated for sealing from exterior environment, and that the Presby system is installed in full compliance with standard conditions for alternative SAS with certification under remedial use approval of the DEP.

Variance granted based on the system as designed being an improvement over the existing system and is the best solution given the physical restrictions of the property.

Plans to Bring New Board Members Up-to-date

- Hans Jeppesen will be updated as Board of Health issues arise and will be provided with links to local regulations.

8:31 P.M. – Other Business

1. Weston & Sampson landfill oversight contract
 - **Motion** by **L. Kress** to reconsider hiring Weston & Sampson to oversee the solar installation, **seconded** by **R. Fahrner**.
 - Discussion regarding Weston & Sampson contract.
 - Statement by **L. Kress** that she believes we do not need to spend the money to have Weston & Sampson oversee Tighe & Bond.
 - Statement by **R. Taylor** regarding a letter from DEP giving approval to proceed with the installation, this letter states that everything is not necessarily in compliance. Conditions were set based on their concerns and those conditions are still in effect. The letter from DEP also states that they are concerned that Tighe & Bond does not have any experience. **R. Taylor** states that he sees Weston & Sampson's oversight as an insurance policy.
 - Statement by **R. Fahrner** about his concern with having two engineers on sight and the possibility of a conflict between them.
 - Statement by **R. Taylor** that Weston & Sampson's reason for being there is to observe and report back to the town of Boxford, not to give orders should they see something that needs to be changed.
 - **R. Fahrner** wishes to table the motion until the Sustainability Committee (and all five Board of Health members, as per request of **R. Taylor**) can be present to discuss it.
 - The Board voted **unanimously** to table the motion made by **L. Kress** to reconsider hiring Weston & Sampson to oversee the solar installation.

No new business

- The present members of the Board decided to postpone reorganization of the Board until the next Board of Health meeting when all members can be present.

9:00 P.M. – Adjourn

- Discussion of the Board that **S. Holt** and **K. Longo** would coordinate the time and date of the next Board of Health meeting.
- With no further business, on a **motion** made by **Kress**, seconded by **Taylor**, the BOH voted **unanimously** to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Samantha Holt