

**Board of Health Minutes**  
**September 20, 2016**

The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. with Ms. Amodei, Mr. Moeller and Mr. Parkin present.

All bills and time sheets submitted were approved for payment.

The minutes of the meeting of August 23<sup>rd</sup> were approved as amended.

The minutes of the meeting of September 9<sup>th</sup> were approved as written.

**135 Pleasant Street**

The Board reviewed the plan and confirmed all information requested from the previous meeting was there. They approved the plan and signed the septic permit.

**452 River Street, Lot 9 Ken Tully**

The Board approved the results of a well test and signed a building permit application after signing a new septic permit for a change of ownership.

**10 Lake Circle**

The Board reviewed a revised proposed septic plan for 10 Lake Circle. Their original proposed plan became void when they installed an under the home garage. The wall to the garage did not meet breakout requirements for distance and the proposed retaining wall also did not meet requirements.

The new plan showed the existing pump chamber/pit that did not meet breakout requirements will be filled with sand and capped. The pipe from the septic tank will go directly to a distribution box and to the second existing pit. The home will now have a septic tank and one pit that meets requirements.

The plan was approved and a new septic permit was signed.

**Tobacco Regulations**

Several MA towns have increased the age to purchase tobacco products to 21 years old. Our regulations require the person to be at least 18 years old. The Board would like to look into possibly increasing that limit to 21 years of age.

## **Trash and Recycling**

Irene Congdon; Central MA Municipal Asst. Recycling Co-Coordinator came in to speak with the Board on options available to them for trash and recycling.

As it stands now we are giving too many bag tags with a permit to use the transfer station to classify us as a Pay-As-You Throw Community in the eyes of the State. Ms. Congdon said however there are many ways the Town could revise that loss of the designation and come into compliance again. She gave the Board a few hand-outs on what that would entail. (See attached) Curbside trash and recycling could be an option with the resident purchasing bags for their trash. Ms. Congdon said that she could give us 80 hours of technical support paid by the State to work with us on how to overcome the large costs now of disposing of trash and recycling in the transfer station. There are a number of grants we could apply for. One example is recycling and trash bins to be distributed to the residents. There is also a group of Towns who hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day 20 times a year at the Devens Recycling Center. It would require the Town to pay a small fee to belong to the group and the resident would pay for what they dispose of.

The Board was very much interested in working with Ms. Congdon and told her so. She said she will get back to us.

The Board would like our Asst. Administrator Tracy Hutton to meet with them to discuss what the next move is for the Board and how she can assist us in that endeavor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.