

**Halifax Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 02, 2010**

On Wednesday, a meeting of the Halifax Board of Health was held in the Board of Health office at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were:

John DeLano – Chairman
John Weber – Co-Chairman
Jeff Anderson – Clerk
Cathleen Drinan – Health Agent

Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

1. Alternative Sewerage Committee

a. Agenda Questions

- i.** What kind of sewerage system does Walmart have?
 - 1.** Walmart uses a Rotating Biological Contact (RBC) sewerage system in its own treatment plant.
- ii.** What kind of sewerage system does HES have?
 - 1.** Halifax Elementary School's septic system went in February of 1975.
 - a.** Was repaired/replace July of 1994.
 - b.** It has been a long time since it has been repaired but we are not aware of it being in failure at this time.
- iii.** What is the relationship of NOT having any sewerage in the town of Halifax to our well water?
 - 1.** There are more drinking water wells in Southern Halifax, where fewer homes are tied into town water and the homes are further apart there.
 - 2.** There is an increase in irrigation wells.
 - 3.** That's why there are rules to separate wells from septic systems.
 - 4.** There are also regulations requiring a certain amount of land per bedroom in well head protection areas.
 - 5.** One major detrimental impact of having all private septic systems is that whenever the tanks are pumped, all of that goes outside of town and outside of our watershed for

disposal. The more water we can keep from recharging, the better.

Also, without additional treatment, regular septic systems do not remove the nitrates.

- iv. Should a communication campaign be outlined?
 - 1. It is a good idea to outline a communication campaign.
 - a. We want people to understand who does and does not need sewerage.
- v. Should POW be resurrected?
 - 1. The “Protect Our Water” (POW) it is a good idea to revive when ASC is further along, as options have changed. There are new ideas
- vi. We should identify sources of funds and grants
 - 1. DEP – Water protection
 - 2. Betterment fees
 - 3. Brockton is a potential source of assistance.

Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 9:00p.m.

Motion: John Weber

Second: Jeffrey Anderson

All in Favor

Typed by,

Peggy Selter

Administrative Assistant

Signed by,

John W. Delano, Chairman

John L. Weber, Co-Chairman