

**Halifax Board of Health**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 05, 2009**

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

Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Open Forum 7:00-7:15**

a. N/A

**2. 7:15 – 8:30: Disposal Works Permits**

a. **334 Thompson Street** – Request for approval

**A Motion was made to approve**

**Motion:** John Weber

**Second:** Jeffrey Anderson

**All in Favor**

b. **2 Danson Lane:** Is up for renewal of permit for being approved more than three years ago. At the last meeting you requested Agent review the comments on the plan. Engineer sent copy of original letter, requesting a field/bed configuration instead of trenches because it is impossible to dig trenches in loose sand. (At the time, chambers over existing soil were not often being proposed.) In 2005 several of these field SAS's were approved. Do you want to continue that approval or require chambers?

**A Motion was made to approve**

**Motion:** John Weber

**Second:** Jeffrey Anderson

**All in Favor**

**3. Requiring Variances (but otherwise recommended for approval):**

a. **7:15 - 27 Lantern Ln:** Bob Crowell will be bringing in a plan with buoyancy calcs, three local upgrades and three variances. Currently, it is missing a request to vary from 15.227.5, reduction inverts to high groundwater. It depends on which high ground water is used and even with the higher of the two, the pump chamber outlet invert is 52.75 and hgw is 52 at the pond and 53.4 for the perched water.

b. Rubber membrane is in a place for continuation of perched water

c. Please decide on high groundwater issue. I agree the higher level was perched on peat material and that the water drained down very quickly into

the sands and loamy sands below it. I do not know if the R&R and membrane are sufficient for a system at the bottom of a hill. Any guidance on that?

i. In attendance Bob Crowell, Design Engineer, Tim Feely, Owner. Engineers updated the Board on new plan.

1. System is within 50' of a pond. Needs DPH approval.

a. Engineer to re-do plan. Re-visit at August 19, 2009 meeting.

**d. 33 Beechwood Road**

i. Variance for reduction to high ground water (4' to 2')

ii. Also, they proposed retaining the 1,000 gal tank. In the past you have required upgrading to 1,000. Vote to approve with that condition?

**A Motion was made to approve with condition to upgrade the 1000 gallon tank to a 1500 gallon tank and with the reduction of ground water 4' to 2'.**

**Motion:** John Weber

**Second:** Jeffrey Anderson

**All in Favor**

e. **4 Short Street:** Requesting variances to go closer to property lines

i. And they have reduced the SAS by 7% because of property restrictions

ii. Also see specs and size of HDPE tank, 1060 gallons for a three bedroom house.

1. Request written explanation for 1060 gallon tank, or upgrade to 1500 gallon if available

a. Re-visit at August 19, 2009 meeting.

**4. 8:30 – 9:00: Discussion**

a. Halifax resident diagnosed with E. coli.

i. Admin updated Board

b. **Admin Report** – Admin updated Board

i. New BOH Website

1. Emailed Charlie Seelig, will let you know when it is up and running.

ii. Rabies Clinic

1. Letter to Dr. Hopkins sent 8/4/09

a. See mail folder

c. **Agent Report**

i. Landfill

1. Warning Strips

2. Semi-permanent gas probes

a. Request Brown & Caldwell to submit letter regarding their opinion of the probes.

b. Request Brown & Caldwell also submit said letter regarding their opinion of the probes to DEP for approval.

- ii. MRC Involvement
  - 1. Agent to update Board with more information at the August 19, 2009 meeting.
- iii. Senior Safety program
  - 1. Marcia Benes, MAHB is publishing description in her journal. (See mail folder) Board Read
  - 2. Agent requested reduction of price on GFCI outlets from Home Depot. (See mail folder) Board Read
- iv. Agent is requesting Board vote on whether or not to put a lien on the property on White Island Road.
  - 1. Correct notary block to new form.
    - a. Re-visit at August 19, 2009 meeting

**A Motion was made to approve lien**

**Motion:** John Weber  
**Second:** Jeffrey Anderson  
**All in Favor**

**5. The Following to be signed:**

- a. Payroll:
  - i. None Tonight
- b. Meeting Minutes: Board Signed
  - i. June 03, 2009 Meeting Minutes
  - ii. July 01, 2009 Meeting Minutes
  - iii. July 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- c. Permits: Board Signed
  - i. Daniel DelPrete - DanDel Construction – 2009 Installer’s Permit
- Bills: Board Signed
- d. Expense Account# 147 – FY 10 –02
  - i. Margaret Selter - Postage Reimbursement - \$11.08
  - ii. W.B. Mason – Office Supplies - Invoice #'s SXR619-000 & SVY275-001 - \$3.22
- e. Revolving Account# 477 – FY 10–01
  - i. Grady Consulting, LLC - 33 Beechwood Road – Plan Review - \$85.00
  - ii. Tyler W. Nims, P.E. – 334 Thompson Street – Plan Review - \$85.00
  - iii. Spath Engineering, Inc. – 27 Lantern Lane - Plan Review - \$85.00
- f. Landfill Capping Account# 1670 – FY 10
  - i. None Tonight
- g. Landfill Engineering Account# 1741 – FY 10
  - i. None Tonight
- h. Nursing Services Account# 150 – FY 10
  - i. None Tonight
- i. Gift Account #1,982 – FY 10

- i. None Tonight
- j. **Mail Folder: Board Read**
  - i. University of Rhode Island
    - 1. Should Agent take any of these courses?
  - ii. YOWA
    - 1. All you ever wanted to know about soil absorption systems.
    - 2. Algae Sampling for Monponsett Ponds.
    - 3. SEMASS Resource Recovery Facility, Program for Mercury Diversion.
    - 4. The Insider.

### **Adjournment**

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**Motion:** John Weber

**Second:** Jeffrey Anderson

**All in Favor**

Typed by,  
Peggy Selter  
Administrative Assistant

Signed By:  
John DeLano – Chairman  
John Weber – Co-Chairman  
Jeffrey Anderson – Clerk

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