

**Halifax Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 06, 2010**

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

Alternative Sewer Committee Meeting was opened at 7:04 p.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Suzanne Lillie
Jack Ferino
Jack O'Brien
John DeLano – Chairman
Jeff Anderson – Clerk
Cathleen Drinan – Health Agent

1. Open Forum 7:00-7:15

a. Alternative Sewer Committee

i. Address for information requests

1. Checkout possible arrangements with Walmart regarding their grassed parking area.

ii. Sites identified by SEA Consultants

1. SEA has mapped sites, check with agent.

iii. Follow-up with John DeLano re: map

1. Chairman brought copy of map with pond areas most needing sewerage treatment.

b. ASC is interested in starting to look for more information.

i. ACS would like to have said information mailed to the town address.

ii. ACS would like to have a general email set up and a mail slot assigned to them downstairs.

1. Board agreed this would be a good idea, agent will send a request for both.

Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the Alternative Sewerage Committee meeting at 7:27pm

Motion: Suzanne Lillie

Second: John DeLano

Entire Board Voted All in Favor

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2. 7:15 – 8:30: Disposal Works Permits : Recommended for approval

a. 452 Twin Lakes Drive

A Motion was made to approve plan as recommended.

Motion: Jeffrey Anderson

Second: John DeLano

Entire Board Voted All in Favor

3. Requiring Local Upgrade(but otherwise recommended for approval):

a. None Tonight

4. 8:30 – 9:00: Discussion

a. 7:40pm – Harmon Stables

i. Bobbi Harmon was in attendance.

1. Agent quickly summarized for the Board the berm situation being built between properties.

a. Ms. Harmon stated her wish that all the so called berm materials be safely removed and that the drainage ditch and grading be returned to pre-existing conditions.

i. The agent agreed with these concerns.

b. Board informed Ms. Harmon that a hearing was set for October 20, 2010 and at that time they would discuss the berm issue.

c. Board requested agent have all necessary rules and regulations from DEP regarding the burying of stumps.

b. Gordon Andrews

i. Inspection Fees

1. Solutions:

a. Fin.Com – Add a budget line.

b. Increase Permit Fees

c. Add consultant fee to all permits

d. Same as above but all inspections done by consultant, extra fee paying for it, with health agent sometimes stopping by to check/witness

e. Any other ideas?

f. An example of a fee based program that helps a health department is a change of occupancy for rental units required. The fee pays for the inspection from a list of chosen people with knowledge of 105 CMR 410.000. Some health agents say it is a win-win program.

2. Board did not have sufficient reason to change current use of contractors and the cost for them.

c. Admin Report – Admin Updated Board on topics below

i. Recent septic repair initiated the most calls ever received

- ii. Bioremediation Property Check List
- iii. BOH Website Email
- iv. Beach testing reports and closing and reopening dates sent to DPH.
- d. **Agent Report**– [Agent Updated Board on topics below](#)
 - i. Possible Land Purchase Opportunity.
 - ii. Received a scholarship to attend the NE Epidemiology conference; am seeking assistance for hotel cost with emergency preparedness funds
 - iii. Looking for guidance on removing unsafe berms
 - 1. [To be discussed at the 10/20/10 hearing.](#)
 - iv. Well may be compromised with change in drainage at horse farm.
 - v. Organic waste bins proposed for Walmart
 - vi. Lake St resident conducting informal survey: almost everyone in favor of sewerage around the ponds & paying for it
 - vii. Change of location for some “well clinics” by our public health nurses.
 - viii. Requested a small space for the TRIAD Fair
 - ix. DPH water algae levels within normal range
 - 1. W. Monponsett reopened on 9/3/10
 - 2. Then back to an Exceedance
 - 3. Opened again now for rest of season
 - x. Legislature on defibrillators in gyms and staff training
 - 1. Unstaffed athletic facility & defibrillators & new legislation
 - a. No one has yet presented the idea of unstaffed facility to the Selectmen’s office
 - b. Problem in Kingston with this issue
 - xi. De-leading case continued in court. As of 10-4, still haven’t seen or read the inspection report
 - xii. Housing inspections continue
 - xiii. Water shut offs
 - xiv. Venting tanks and “D” boxes because filters on outlet tee may block the intended flow of air between house vents and system SAS vents
 - xv. May possibly need to monitor a tight tank
 - xvi. Odor complaints may be because of moisture issues dating back to spring floods 2010.

5. **The Following to be signed:** – [Board Signed](#)

- a. **Payroll for the Week Ending October 09, 2010**
 - i. Cathleen Drinan
 - ii. Margaret Selter
 - iii. Judy Anderson
- b. **Signature Authority** – [Board Signed](#)
 - i. Fiscal Year 2011
- c. **Meeting Minutes:** – [Board Signed](#)
 - i. September 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes
- d. **Permits:** – [Board Signed](#)

- i. Shawn MacInnes – MacInnes Consulting – 2010 Soil Evaluator’s Permit.
- e. **Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 11-05 – Board Signed**
 - i. G& L Laboratories – Invoice# 00053923 - Beach Water testing - \$13.00
X3= - \$39.00
 - ii. Cathleen Drinan – Postage Reimbursement - \$22.56
- f. **Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 11-0-06– Board Signed**
 - i. G& L Laboratories – Invoice# 00053923 - Beach Water testing - \$13.00
X2= - \$26.00
 - ii. Spath Engineering – Invoice# 0930-10-743 – Plan Review – 451 Twin
Lakes Drive - \$85.00
 - iii. Arthur Bloomquist – BH & Final Inspection – 295 Oak Street - \$70.00
- g. **Landfill Capping Account# 30-519 – FY 11**
 - i. **None Tonight**
- h. **Landfill Engineering Account# 01-519 – FY 11-01**
 - i. Tighe & Bond – Invoice# 092010421- Hemlock Lane Landfill Monitoring -
\$717.00
- i. **Nursing Services Account# 01-522 – FY 11**
 - i. **None Tonight**
- j. **Gift Account # 26-514-4830 – FY 11**
 - i. **None Tonight**
- k. **PHER Account# 21-520 - FY 11**
 - i. **None Tonight**
- l. **Mail Folder: - Board Read**
 - i. Reorganization of the Planning Board
 - ii. Community Signs Memo
 - 1. Emergency us
 - iii. Arbovirus Risk Communication
 - iv. EEE Article
 - v. BFI – Property in Halifax
 - vi. DPH – Yesterday’s News
 - vii. Tighe & Bond
 - viii. Fire Marshall – Fire Service
 - ix. Community Development Planning Process

Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm

Motion: Jeffrey Anderson

Second: John DeLano

Entire Board Voted 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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