

**Halifax Board of Health**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 05, 2011**

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  
Cathleen Drinan – Health Agent

The Alternative Sewerage Committee meeting opened at 7:04p.m.

- 1. 7:00pm – 7:15pm Alternative Sewerage Committee:** - In attendance are Suzanne Lillie, Jack Farina and Jack O'Brien
  - a.** Conversation about Ruck systems
    - i.** Suzanne Lillie spoke to Michael McGrath a vendor for the Ruck system.
      - 1.** She shared reports with data for residential and community systems for 2007, 2008 & 2009
      - 2.** A key point:
        - a.** Understanding that the cycle time of the conversion of ground water is two (2) years before you will see improvements.
    - ii.** Water test results Monponsett Ponds - Nitrogen and Phosphorus levels
    - iii.** Impact of low flow plumbing on Influent
    - iv.** Cycle time for conversion of ground water
      - 1.** BOH Chairman updated the ASC Board on his discussion with Mark Matson from DEP on the pond water levels and TMDL's
        - a.** There is a deadline for States and towns to monitor their discharge water and come up with results, they are not meeting TMDL's and will need to reduce it.
          - i.** Talk of quality will be important and quality perimeters are being set (Water shed alliance)
          - ii.** Identify amount of repaired systems 50' to 400'
          - iii.** How many since 1995?
          - iv.** Where is it most needed?
          - v.** What kind of treatment is being looked at?
          - vi.** Input & output goals for vendors to create specs
            - 1.** 10,000 gallons per day
          - vii.** Research on towns that have community systems
          - viii.** Where discharge will have an effect

A Motion was made for the ASC to adjourn the meeting at 7:34p.m.

**Motion:** Suzanne Lillie

**Second: John DeLano**  
**Unanimous vote on the motion**

**2. Open Forum : 7:30pm**

**a. Ocean Ave**

**i. House hit by lightning.**

1. Owner would like to come in informally and discuss his options on installing a new septic system.
2. The owner informed the Board that his house was hit by lightning and he was here tonight to discuss his options on installing a new septic system. He told the Board the system was the original system installed in 1986 and he has owned the property since.
  - a. The owner stated that different contractors were saying different things
    - i. The Board answered question regarding an engineered system
      1. Agent gave home owner a copy of "Following the Trail of Title V"

**3. 8:00pm – 8:30pm: Disposal Works Permits : Recommended for approval:**

**a. None Tonight**

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

**a. None Tonight**

**5. 8:30 – 9:00: Discussions**

**a. Admin Report – Admin updated Board**

- i. My MAVEN training is completed. I will be invited to the training of Mary Mallon at Partner's Home Care when it is scheduled.

**b. Agent Report – Agent updated Board**

- i. Animal Control Officer transfer discussion
- ii. R.S. review class and exam
- iii. Housing inspection
- iv. Fish kill
- v. Algae
- vi. EEE meetings
- vii. EEE risk categories: waiting for a horse case

**6. The Following to be signed: - Read and Signed**

- a. Each of us must sign that we received a copy of the State Ethics Conflict of Interest Laws. *(The laws are posted on our website for your perusal, or you can pick up a paper copy of them at the Selectmen's Office.)*

- i. The State Ethics Conflict of Interest Exam must be taken every 2 years. The exam filed at the clerk's office in 2010 was for the FY 2009 so; each of us MUST also take the exam again this FY 2011. *(I emailed everyone the link to the exam. PLEASE be sure to email me a copy of the certificate*

*that appears at the end of the exam to turn in to the Clerk's office. THANK YOU!)*

- b. Amendment to the Safety and Sanitary for Large Outdoor Events Regulations
- c. **Meeting Minutes: - Board Signed**
  - i. August 17, 2011 Meeting Minutes
- d. **Permits: - Board Signed**
  - i. R.K. Brown – Robert Brown – 2011 Installer's Permit
- e. **Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 12**
  - i. **None Tonight**
- f. **Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 12-06 - Board Signed**
  - i. Arthur Bloomquist – Bottom Hole Inspection – 173 Holmes Street - \$35.00
- g. **Landfill Capping Account# 30-519 – FY 12**
  - i. **None Tonight**
- h. **Landfill Engineering Account# 01-519 – FY 12-01 - Board Signed**
  - i. Tighe & Bond – Landfill Gas Monitoring– Invoice# 092011537 - 07/03/2011 – 08/27/2011 - \$409.00
- i. **Nursing Services Account# 01-522 – FY 12**
  - i. **None Tonight**
- j. **Gift Account # 26-514-4830 – FY 12**
  - i. **None Tonight**
- k. **PHER Account # 21-520- FY 12**
  - i. **None Tonight**
- l. **Mail Folder: - Board Read**
  - i. Board of Selectmen
    - 1. Barry Gates/Turkey Swamp Bog Realty Trust Hearing
  - ii. Planning Board Form A
    - 1. Amanda Estates

### **Adjournment**

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:10p.m.

**Motion: John Weber**

**Second: John DeLano**

**Unanimous vote on the motion**

Typed by,  
Peggy Selter  
Administrative Assistant

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

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