

**Halifax Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 06, 2013**

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
Suzanne Lillie – Chairperson
Jack Farino – Co-Chairman

The Alternative Sewerage Committee meeting opened at 7:00pm

1. 7:00pm – 7:15pm: Alternative Sewerage Committee:

- a. Per Suzanne Lillie, the ASC will attend the March 06, 2013 BOH meeting.
 - i. Field work, Town Owned Properties
 - 1. Suzanne Lillie updated the Board that the ASC has been looking into Town owned property and have found small non-contiguous lots in the area most needing alternative sewerage. The ASC will continue to move forward with field work.

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm

**Motion: Suzanne Lillie
Second: John Delano
Unanimous vote on the motion**

The Board of Health meeting opened at 7:25pm

2. 7:15pm – 7:30pm Open Forum:

- a. None Tonight

3. 7:30 – 8:00 Discussion 20 Madison Rd: Title V Inspection – In attendance Ray Camosse, Title V Inspector, John Miele, Real Estate Agent for Seller, Shawn Coska, Real Estate Agent for the Seller and Shelley Croal, Real Estate Agent Buyer.

- a. Correction of inaccuracies
- b. Discussion of how to address concerns
- c. Failing, passing or conditionally passes

- i.** The Board opened the discussion of 20 Madison with the agent giving a summary of the Title V Inspection report in question.
 - 1.** The Agent stated that within the property folder there was a 1986 Installer's as-built not to scale, a 2001 "passing" Title V Inspection report, a 2005 "fails" Title V Inspection report and a 2012 "passing" Title V Inspection report. The agent informed the Board that between the times of the 2005 failed Title V Inspection and the 2012 passing Title V Inspection no work was done to repair the system. It appears to have just been assumed by the inspector that a new system was installed in 2005 in error because there are proposed plans in the folder from 2005. Plans were approved by the Board in 2005. However, no permits were pulled at the BOH, no repairs were done that the BOH is aware of and no as-built has ever been submitted. The agent indicated that Mr. Camosse's report has inaccuracies and does not describe the old system there. She also told the Board that she looked at all the components with Mr. Camosse.
- ii.** The Board invited Mr. Camosse to describe and support his findings on his 2012 passing Title V Inspection report.
 - 1.** Mr. Camosse stated he takes full responsibility for his Title V Inspection report and agrees that he didn't review what was in the property folder thoroughly. He explained to the Board that there was no back-up in the system and/or D-Box, nor did he see any signs of these failures that were listed in the 2005 inspection report. Mr. Camosse stated that at the time of his inspection he saw no signs of failure and it is his opinion, as stated in his inspection report, that the septic system at this property is a passing system.
- iii.** The Health Agent showed pictures to the Board that she took of the system with one picture indicating the camera line that Mr. Camosse's company ran through the D-Box into the pits. She stated she was inexperienced with the older systems and felt she could not give a definitive opinion on the condition the pits or D-Box but expressed concerns about the rusty color in the D-Box, the sludge that washed out of the D-Box when the water was run and very concerned about the fact that the inlet and outlet pipes in the tank were right next to each other.
- iv.** The Board asked Mr. Camosse if after seeing the pictures and listening to the agent if it was still his opinion that the system is a passing system and he stated that he did. The Board stated it is important to look carefully for signs around the system of how it was working when occupied and operational compared to now when it is

vacant. Mr. Camosse stated he dug up one pit and it was dry, there was nothing on the bottom, it was not discolored and the bottom consisted of stone. The Board expressed understanding that the conflicting reports might cause a dilemma for the buyer.

- v. The Board stated the septic tank will need to be replaced as the tank cannot function as it is supposed to with inlet and outlet pipes at the same end.
 - 1. Nothing has changed from 2001 to 2005 and the agent's inexperience in older systems couldn't dispute Mr. Camosse's findings, but that risers were required in the town of Halifax.
 - 2. The Board stated BOH is not going to hire a third opinion, but the buyer is welcome to do so.
 - 3. In summary the Board stated that there is no conclusion other than Mr. Camosse's Title V Inspection report.
 - a. Mr. Camosse stated his Title V Inspection report would be corrected and resubmitted and agreed to put risers on the pits and D-Box as required by the town.
- vi. The Board stated the issue of the conflicting Title V Inspection reports from 2005 and 2012 was a responsibility to be resolved between the seller and the buyer.

A Motion was made for the removal of the existing 1000 gallon septic tank and upgrade with the required Title V compliant 1500 gallon septic tank.

Motion: John Weber
Second: Jeffrey Anderson
Unanimous vote on the motion

4. 8:00– 8:30: Disposal Works Permits: Recommended for approval

- a. None Tonight

5. Requiring Local Upgrades: (but otherwise recommended for approval):

- a. None Tonight

6. Requiring Variances:

- a. None Tonight

7. 8:30 – 9:00: Discussion:

- a. Reappoint Judith Anderson as Town of Halifax Animal Inspector

A Motion was made to reappoint Judith Anderson as the Town of Halifax Animal Inspector.

Motion: John Weber
Second: Jeffrey Anderson
Unanimous vote on the motion

- b. Medical Marijuana
- c. Massage Permits

d. Title V's

- i. *Receipt of proof that the system being inspected was pumped within the past twelve (12) months:***
 - 1.** A receipt of proof that the system being inspected was pumped within the past twelve (12) months must be produced at the time of the Title V Inspection. Failure to produce a receipt of proof during the time of Title V Inspection, the Title V Inspector is required by the BOH to pump the system as part of the Title V Inspection.

A Motion was made to add Title V Inspection Pumping Requirement as an amendment to "Supplementary Rules and Regulations to the State Environmental Code: Title V, 310 CMR 15.00."

Motion: John Weber

Second: Jeffrey Anderson

Unanimous vote on the motion

ii. *Depth to groundwater under pits at time of inspection:*

- 1.** This shall be at least 2' from bottom of pit to groundwater and the inspector indicates how it was determined.
 - a.** [Table and revisit at another meeting.](#)

e. Admin Report

- i.** [None Tonight](#)

f. Agent Report: - [Agent updated Board](#)

- i.** Internship: current one: going great! People love it! (Application in for next one: haven't heard yet.)
- ii.** Tires holding water
- iii.** Let's re-visit the Wastewater Management District and think about other ways to protect the ponds
- iv.** Let's re-visit the Covenant Cases and think about other ways to protect the ponds
- v.** Alternate Health Agent
- vi.** Landfill RFP's coming up
- vii.** Sanitizer
- viii.** Septic systems in NSTAR "rights of way"
 - 1.** NSTAR Easements seniority over property owner??
 - 2.** Legislation is coming up and going to many departments.
- ix.** Call in re: Plymouth, Sewer superintendent concerned with after blizzard- overflow problems. Good idea for ASC (and me) to visit and learn about monitoring sewer areas.
- x.** Feral Cats
- xi.** A pile of mattresses, public health issue.

8. To be signed:

- a. **Payroll - Week Ending 03/09/13 - Board Signed**
 - 1. Cathleen Drinan
 - 2. Margaret Selter
 - 3. Judith Anderson
- b. **Meeting Minutes:**
 - i. [None Tonight](#)
- c. **Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 13-12 - Board Signed**
 - i. Refund Communications Telephone – Health Agents Cell Phone - \$76.17
 - ii. Cathleen Drinan – Mileage Reimbursement - \$303.49
- d. **Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 13-**
 - i. [None Tonight](#)
- e. **Landfill Capping Account# 30-519 – FY 13**
 - i. [None Tonight](#)
- f. **Landfill Engineering Account# 01-519 – FY 13-0**
 - i. [None Tonight](#)
- g. **Nursing Services Account# 01-522 – FY 13-0**
 - i. [None Tonight](#)
- h. **Gift Account # 26-514-4830 – FY 13-**
 - i. [None Tonight](#)
- i. **Gift Communication Account # 26-514-5502-002 – FY 13-01- Board Signed**
 - i. Cathleen Drinan – Reimbursement AT&T Service - \$74.95
 - ii. Margaret Selter – Reimbursement AT&T Service - \$44.97
- j. **PHER/PHEP Account # 21-520- FY 13**
 - i. [None Tonight](#)

9. Permits Board Approved: - Board Approved

- i. Pope’s Tavern – Barbara Benton - 2013 Non-Profit Kitchen Establishment Permit
- ii. Cecil Horton - Wingbusters– 2013 Non-Profit Kitchen Establishment Permit
- iii. Debra Lawrence – Owl Bake It – 2013 Kitchen Establishment Permit
- iv. William Logan – W.R. Logan Excavating – 2013 Septic Installer’s Permit

10. Mail Folder: - Board Read

- a. Mixed oils – Plymouth Street
- b. Board of Health Nominations and Reappointments
- c. **Plymouth County Mosquito Control**
 - i. Notice of Proposed Aerial Pesticide Applications During the 2013 Season
- d. **CYN Environmental Services**
 - i. Emergency Responses/Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
 - ii. Planning Board

e. Form A 13-A-128 Franklin Street

Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm

Motion: John Weber

Second: Jeffrey Anderson

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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