

**Halifax Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 07, 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

The Board of Health meeting opened at 7:00p.m

The Alternative Sewerage Committee meeting opened at 7:05p.m

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

**a.** Town owned properties

**b.** Interim summary

- i.** Suzanne Lillie updated the Board on the in fieldwork of town owned property, by neighborhood. She handed out a graph of town owned properties of interest to the Alternative Sewerage Committee (ASC.) The ASC discussed the limited amount of town owned properties in the vicinity of the areas currently in the greatest need for alternative treatment systems. The ASC will contact Wal-Mart with the possibility of future use of their treatment plant.

**Adjournment**

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35p.m.

**Motion: John Delano**

**Second: John Weber**

**Unanimous vote on the motion**

The Board of Health meeting re-opened at 7:35p.m

**2. 7:15pm – 7:30pm: Open Forum:**

**a.** Floor Open

**3. Appointments:**

**a. 7:30pm:** Shawn Brier – Complaint regarding Town’s health agent, Cathleen Drinan - **Shawn & Sherri Brier were in attendance.**

- i.** Mr. Brier asked what he needed to do to make a formal complaint against the “inspector” Cathy Drinan (the Health Agent.) Mr. Brier

stated Ms. Drinan was at his property last year regarding mosquitoes and they cleaned up the property and that she also called animal control on us. Mr. Brier stated this year she came back because of rubbish and debris that was encroaching on a neighbor's and blocking passage to the house, but emergency personnel were able to get his wife out when she needed an ambulance and there was an open, clear passage to the house. He stated there is a vehicle parked on the property, but as far as he knew that wasn't against the law. Mr. Brier stated this year she's back because of mosquitoes again, she always comes the day after it rains. He said as far as he's concerned, if there's a bucket with water in it and you dump it out, the mosquitoes are just going to go to another water spot, there's no helping that. Mr. Brier told the Board after, she (the health agent) told him her complaint she handed them papers and he took them and they went over everything. He stated there was water in his grandson's tricycle basket, like this much, he indicated about an inch with his fingers, it rained the night before. Mrs. Brier stated she (the health agent) always comes the day after it rains. Mr. Brier stated she (the health agent) has called child services on them, animal control because she now thinks the chickens are going to give their kids diseases. He stated she (the health agent) said the rubbish attracts animals like raccoons and that raises the possibility of rabies exposure. He declared he was an avid raccoon hunter for years and knows everything there is to know about rabies and would never do anything to put his family in danger and disagrees with her. Mr. Brier stated he is fed up with her (the health agent) coming to their house and especially talking to their son. Mrs. Brier stated they did not give her (the health agent) permission to talk to their son. Mr. Brier stated she (the health agent) was trespassing and that DCF was dropping the case because there was nothing to look for or found and that this is totally unacceptable. Mrs. Brier stated before she even moved, DCF called because she (the health agent) called her. She stated they have filed a complaint with the police and with DCF and have to follow-up with them after this meeting with the Board.

The Board asked the Briers if there was anything else they wanted them to know and Mr. Brier stated no, his main complaint was she (the health agent) is trespassing and he does not want her talking to his son.

The Board asked if they own the property or if they are tenants and they replied they are tenants of Mr. Mark Briggs at 76 Pratt Street, Millie Briggs' old house, and that they moved across the street because it is a better house than where they used to live at Mr. Briggs property at 69 Pratt Street. Mrs. Brier stated where they live now

needs work, and at this time Mr. Briggs raised his hand to quiet her from speaking and said wait a minute and Mrs. Brier stopped talking. Mr. Brier stated the property at 76 Pratt Street was structurally sound and in good condition. He stated he was aware that the property at 69 Pratt Street had a bee problem, the attic windows were broken and work needed to be done there. He stated Mr. Briggs doesn't have time to fix those issues and that's why they moved out.

The Board asked the Briers how many children they had, Mrs. Brier stated 4, then state 3 and they had custody of their grandson. The Board asked what the ages of the children were and Mrs. Brier stated 17, 15, 11 & 3, we have custody of their 3 yr old grandson and have dealt with DCF before. The Board asked "So, you're tenants, not owners?" and they stated yes, they are tenants.

Mr. Brier stated every year the state test their flock of birds, and tests Mr. Briggs' milk every other day and his herd every other month and that if there were any problems they would have told them. Mr. Brier stated her (the health agent) when talking to his son said she saw the animals, but she can't see the animals unless she was back there, and that's trespassing.

Mr. Brier stated emergency personnel had no problem with egresses and had total access when called for Mrs. Bier.

Mr. Brier asked how he makes this a formal complaint and the Board told him by coming to them he lodged the complaint and it is now considered a formal complaint. Mr. Brier stated his primary complaint is he does not want her (the health agent) discussing these issues with his 15 year old son, she shouldn't be talking to anyone else's kids. Mr. Brier stated he was raised by a police officer father and was taught do it right or don't do it. He stated he has older kids from a previous marriage and after the divorce, (Mr. Brier trailed off at this time) and then stated "Let's just say something happened and ever since he was very protective of his family and that nobody should talk to or touch a child." Mr. Brier stated he talked to the Police Chief and he said even he, (Police Chief) doesn't have the right to talk to their son. Mr. Brier stated he wants the animal complaints to stop and the biggest thing he wants stopped is her (the health agent) talking to their son.

The Board assured Mr. & Mrs. Brier that they would look into their accusations, and to avoid a disagreement of "He said, she said," they would have the health agent respond in writing to their claims and they, the Board will discuss everything at their meeting on August 21, 2013. The Board scheduled the Briers to come into the September 04, 2013 meeting at 7:30pm for their decision on this matter.

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

**a. 166 Walnut Street**

A Motion to approve

**Motion: John Weber**

**Second: Jeffrey Anderson**

**Unanimous vote on the motion**

**b. 6 Heron Road – Tank was moved outside of 200’**

A Motion to approve

**Motion: John Weber**

**Second: Jeffrey Anderson**

**Unanimous vote on the motion**

**a. 78 Hemlock Lane – Ratify Agents Approval**

A Motion to approve ratification of agent’s approval

**Motion: John Weber**

**Second: Jeffrey Anderson**

**Unanimous vote on the motion**

**a. 8 Bourne Drive - Ratify Agents Approval**

A Motion to approve ratification of agent’s approval

**Motion: John Weber**

**Second: John DeLano**

**Unanimous vote on the motion**

**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. See Agents Report**

**b. Admin Report**

**i. None Tonight**

**c. Agent Report:**

**i. Fieldstone Food Permit**

**1. Agent updated Board on food permit application request for Fieldstone Equestrian Show & Facility upcoming horse show August 14, 2013.**

**a. The Board voted unanimously to deny the permit application request due to missed time deadline of submitting applications 30 days prior to an event. They**

are welcome to apply for any events with the proper minimum 30 days in advance deadline.

- ii. SAS in a box (Thinking outside the box)
  - 1. Agent will check other states and existing technologies and different shape septic system technologies.
- iii. BSU internship done, great work!
  - 1. Agent Updated Board
- iv. New Intern: this one from DPH
  - 1. Agent Updated Board

**8. To be signed: - Board Signed**

**a. Payroll for the Week Ending August 10, 2013**

- i. Cathleen Drinan
- ii. Margaret Selter
- iii. Judith Anderson

**b. Meeting Minutes:**

- i. None Tonight

**c. Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 14-02 - Board Signed**

- i. G&L Labs – Invoice# 00064524 – Beach water testing for 07/02/13, 07/09/13, 07/16/13, 07/23/13 & 07/30/13 – 13 @ \$15.00 = \$195.00

**d. Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 14-02 - Board Signed**

- i. Southeast Septic – Invoice# 20470 – Final Inspection - \$40.00
- ii. Grady Consulting – Invoice# 5001 – Plan Review – 8 Bourne Drive - \$85.00
- iii. G&L Labs – Invoice# 00064524 – Beach water testing for dates 07/02/13, 07/09/13, 07/16/13, 07/23/13 & 07/30/13 – 15 @ \$15.00 = \$225.00

**e. Landfill Capping Account# 30-519 – FY 14**

- i. None Tonight

**f. Landfill Engineering Account# 01-519 – FY 14**

- i. None Tonight

**g. Nursing Services Account# 01-522 – FY 14-**

- i. None Tonight

**h. Gift Account # 26-514-4830 – FY 14**

- i. None Tonight

**i. Gift Communication Account # 26-514-5502-002 – FY 14-02 - Board Signed**

- i. Cathy Drinan – Reimbursement – AT&T May 2013 - \$14.99
- ii. Cathy Drinan – Reimbursement – AT&T June 2013 - \$14.99

**j. PHER/PHEP Account # 21-520- FY 14**

- None Tonight

**9. Permits Board Approved: - Board Unanimously Approved**

- a. Robert Medeiros – Robert B Medeiros Co. - 2013 Septic Installer’s Permit
- b. Arthur Pompeo - 2013 Septic Installer’s Permit

**10. Mail Folder: - Board Read**

- a. Violation of Wetlands Protect Act at 21 Plymouth Street
- b. Selectmen Office
  - i. Live Entertainment Request
    - 1. Board state d event will need to follow the proper BOH procedures of completing and submitting a “Large Outdoor Event” packet, and all food permit application will follow the proper procedure of applying for a permit 30 days prior to the event.
- c. Planning Board
  - i. Site plan modification

\*\*Revised September 16, 2013 – Scribner Error - Changed name of Mr. Brigg’s to Mr. Brier (Page 3, paragraph 4)

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**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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