

**Halifax Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

On Wednesday, a meeting of the Halifax Board of Health was held at the Halifax Town hall.

**Present at the meeting were:**

John Weber – Co-Chairman  
Alan J. Dias - Clerk  
Cathleen Drinan – Health Agent  
Peggy Selter, Administrative Assistant

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

**1. Disposal Works Permits:**

**a. Ratify Agents Approval:**

**i. 374 Plymouth Street**

A Motion was made to ratify health Agents approval.

**Motion: Alan Dias**

**Second: John Weber**

**Unanimous vote on the motion**

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

**i. 395 Plymouth Street**

**1. Board requested the following:**

- a. Include the note regarding location of streams**
- b. Include, on the plan, the results of the sieve analysis, including the “triangle” so that it is clear as to the soil class.**
- c. They noted that while the concrete poured into the bottom of the pump chamber might achieve the desired weight, it is not practical to achieve or for the Health Agent to inspect. (It was also noted that one spot says 10” and another 12”.)**
- d. An anti-flotation “collar” at the bottom can be added as a formed ballast or a heavy cover can be added. Then, re-do the buoyancy calculations for your chosen method of adding weight.**
- e. The aluminum hatch to grade needs to be sized and include a detailed drawing.**
- f. The junction box for the pump chamber is supposed to be outside of the riser/chamber.**

- g. “Aluminum hatch to grade” what size? Also, provide a detailed drawing on the plan.
- h. Wiring for the alarm panel and the pump needs to be separate from the tenants’ wiring. A separate “owners” panel/line will need to be established.
- i. The board wondered where the alarm panel will be located. Outside will be necessary. The installer needs that guidance.
- j. In the pump chamber, in addition to a stainless steel chain, rails are needed to guide the pump both out and back into the chamber for repairs, due to the depth.
- k. “Cover at grade”. The type needs to be specified, as installers quite often will choose the least expensive and the least expensive is not secure. It needs to be secure by either being very heavy (not just bolted) or lightweight at grade, with the original concrete left in place (if that is practical/not too deep) or the cover can be under 6 to 9 inches of soil so that children are not attracted to it. Bolted and gasketed cast iron is good for at grade.

**2. Bring to Boards Attention:**

- a. Local “Body Work” rooms exploit loophole in regulations
  - i. Agent updated Board
- b. Modified Site Plan, Storage Buildings at 934 Plymouth Street
  - i. The Board requested a statement, in writing, from the plan design engineer, clarifying if there will any be plumbing to the storage units.

**3. Discussion Items:**

- a. SWMI Meeting at High School
  - i. Presentation went well! – Agent Updated Board
- b. 23 Richview Avenue temporary housing
  - i. Mr. Alan Dias, Board Member for the Board of Health did an inspection at the property located at 23 Richview Avenue of what the homeowners are referring to as a trailer, but in actuality is a pop-up camper. The owner(s) were instructed to do some repair/replacements to comply with the requirements per Mr. Dias’s instructions and to contact the Board of Health when completed for a re-inspection.  
 The homeowner(s) have not contacted the Board of Health office for a re-inspection as requested.  
 The Board has requested the Health Agent send a letter to the homeowner(s) informing them they have failed to comply with the Board of Health requirements and send a copy of the letter to the Selectmen’s office with the knowledge that the Board of Health is not

in favor of the homeowner(s) request for an extension of the trailer/camper permit.

- c. Discuss Covenant Cases
  - i. Revisit at another Board of Health Meeting
- d. Discuss if Board is ready to make a decision on Tobacco Regulations
  - i. Revisit at another Board of Health Meeting
- e. Discuss if Board is ready to make a decision on Barn/Stable Regulations
  - i. Revisit at another Board of Health Meeting
- f. **Agent Report: - Agent Updated Board**
  - i. Hoarding cases
  - ii. Rubbish cases
  - iii. Difficult to deal with difficult people
- g. **Admin Report:**
  - i. Thanks and gratitude to Grady Consulting for services rendered to the Board of health without charge during the Health Agent's absence throughout this difficult time.
    - 1. Board was appreciative to Grady Consulting for their services during the Health Agent's absence
  - ii. 96 Hayward Street – Per Zoning, the home business will be for phone calls only. Pet sitting and walking will be outside the home and will take place at the client's home.
    - 1. Board requested a letter from the owner(s) be submitted to the Board of Health, in writing, confirming that the walking, grooming, boarding & daycare for dogs business at the above mentioned property is a telephone business only, that there is no boarding and the walking, grooming and daycare is done at your clients residence.

**4. The Following to be signed: – Board Signed**

- a. **Payroll for the Week Ending September 19, 2015**
  - i. Cathleen Drinan
  - ii. Margaret Selter
  - iii. Lisa McKay
- b. **Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 16-05 – Board Signed**
  - i. Cathleen Drinan – TC# 2678 7927 8393 2083 8887– Supplies - \$12.10
- c. **Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 16-05 – Board Signed**
  - i. Grady Consulting – Invoice# 6847 - Plan Review – 26 Cedar Street - \$85.00
- d. **Permits: – Board voted to Approve**
  - i. Noonan Waste Services – 2015 Rubbish Hauler's Permit
  - ii. Ed Hart – Podgurski Corp – 2015 Septic Installer's Permit

iii. Daniel Mortland – 7 Heron Road – 2015 Irrigation Well Permit

e. **Mail Folder:** – Board Read

i. **Halifax Water Department**

1. Rehab of water tank

ii. **Zoning Board of Appeals**

1. Application for Chapter 40B Blackledge Farm Project

2. Notice of Public Hearing

a. 40 Carver Street

b. 236 Oak Street

3. Special Permit

a. 236 Oak Street

iii. Plympton Halifax Express

**Adjournment**

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00p.m.

**Motion: Alan Dias**

**Second: John Weber**

**Unanimous vote on the motion**

**Typed by,**

Peggy Selter

Administrative Assistant

**Signed By:**

John Weber – Co-Chairman

Alan Dias – Clerk

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