

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 22, 2008

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room. Members present were Tom Philippou and Lorin Johnson. Others present were Shanna Large (Clerk), Ira Grossman, R.S. (NABH), Michael Crouse (GRP, Inc.), Dan Boone and Della Jennings (51 Ayer Road).

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Business was as follows:

Della Jennings, 51 Ayer Road - Discussion

Della Jennings, Dan Boone, and Engineer Michael Crouse from GPR came before the Board to discuss the above property. The Board reviewed the proposed plans for the upgrade to the existing 3 bedroom dwelling. The proposed system is a Presby Enviro system requiring local board of Health waivers.

After a brief discussion, Tom Philippou made a motion to accept the local Board of Health waivers for high groundwater, a percolation rate of 40 min., and the 100 foot well offset to a proposed 60 foot offset all stated on plan 07109, dated December 2007. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 2-0 to approve.

Gilmore Realty Trust, 4 Cross Street - Discussion

Engineer Michael Crouse came before the Board to discuss the above property. Since the property is owned by a family member of Lorin Johnson's, Lorin recused himself from the discussion.

Currently the property is an existing two bedroom dwelling on Cross Street. Mr. Crouse explained the proposed plans for a new five bedroom Subsurface Disposal System (SDS) on the property. The proposed system is a Presby Enviro-Septic that would be placed close to Cross Street. Ira asked if zoning issues would be a problem with the system so close to the road. Mr. Crouse said that he would address these issues with building inspector. Ira also questioned the amount of soil available since the proposed system is on the edge of the existing home. Tom questioned the engineer about turning the system and reducing its size of the proposed system. Mr. Crouse stated that the current owners would really like a five bedroom system to make the lot more suitable for selling purposes and with a few changes and variances this proposed system would work.

Since decisions could not be made because there was not a quorum present, the discussion was tabled. A meeting will be held to continue this discussion once a date can be nailed down for member Sean Doocey to be present. A prospective date and time would be Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 9am in the Hildreth House.

Emergency Preparedness Equipment

The Board reviewed the request by Region II Public Health Program Manager, Kerry Clark for Emergency Preparedness Equipment for the Town of Harvard. Some of the items suggested were extra batteries for the laptop, phones for the Board of Health members, two-way radios, lithium batteries, and wireless router. A larger wish list of items will be compiled and priced out to submit to Mr. Clark by the deadline of Feb. 15, 2007.

Update Abandoned House on Finn Road -

The Clerk updated the Board on the verbal response from Patricia Huckery, District Manager of the Fisheries and Wildlife. She stated that the Division will not be tearing down the house on Finn Road due to lack of funds but will be securing the building to avoid trespassing. It was also stated that she spoke with the Fire Chief of Harvard and let him know that if he wanted to burn the building he could. The Board felt that they should send a letter to the selectmen letting them know the State's position on the building and that the building is a health hazard and is now becoming a safety issue as well.

Permits Signed

Murphy, 232 Ayer Road – Upgrade of existing three bedroom single family dwelling. Installation of 1500 gallon septic tank, 1000 gallon dosing chamber and Presby Enviro-Septic System.

196 Littleton County Road, LLC – Installation of new four-bedroom single family system in full compliance of Title 5.

Barbieri, 8 Depot Road – upgrade of existing three bedroom dwelling. Installation of 1500 gallon tank, 1000 gallon pump chamber, and Presby Enviro-Septic System.

Tom Philippou made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Lorin Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 2-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk