

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 27, 2008

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room. Members present were Tom Philippou, Lorin Johnson, and Sean Doocey. Others present were Shanna Large (Clerk), Ira Grossman, R.S. (NABH), Jack Visniewski (Cornerstone Consultants), Richard Doherty (ECR), Lorri and Brian Davy (131 Bolton Road), and Kathy Bunnell (Harvard Press).

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Business was as follows:

Saxl, Underpin Hill Road - Discussion

The engineers came before the board on behalf of their clients, Saxl, to discuss the above property on Underpin Hill. The owners are proposing a split of the property to sell and help pay for the costs of treating the contaminated waste site on 25 Depot Road. The Board reviewed the requested variances regarding a well within 400 feet of a contaminated site and having a well down gradient, (but upstream) from a contaminated site. Richard Dougherty spoke to the Board regarding the studies that have been occurring within the past years at this site. It has been determined that the PCE chemical release has migrated away from the proposed building site and there is no reason to think the new well on the proposed new lot would be affected. The original contaminated site on Depot Road has been secured against trespassing and the contaminated wells on the original site have been secured. Testing has indicated steadily declining levels with a few explainable aberrations.

The Board discussed the proposed site and suggested constant testing of the proposed well and the potential owners notified about the contamination site. Mr. Dougherty agreed that all parties should be informed. The Board also discussed the treatment method if chemicals were found in the new well and for an indeterminate period when use is started. Mr. Dougherty discussed carbon treatment which has been found very effective on the chemicals found.

Tom Philippou made a motion to grant the requested variances for the above property with quarterly testing of the well, an effective carbon filtration system placed on the well as well as a deed notification regarding the contamination site within 400 feet. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 2-1 to approve.

Davy, 131 Bolton Road - Discussion

Ira informed the Board of the situation for the above property. The home is currently a single family dwelling but the current owners are advertising an apartment for rent which is against the single family four bedroom deed restriction on the residence.

The owners addressed the Board regarding these issues. They told the Board that when they purchased the home the realtor, Barbara Spencer, advised them they could use the existing apartment for in-laws or for extra rental income. At the time the owners' in-laws were living with them so the apartment was used for them. Recently the

situation changed, with the in-laws moving to a warmer climate, and now the owners need to rent the space to help pay for the home.

Ira stated that the home's Subsurface Disposal System (SDS) was upgraded in 2006 as a four bedroom single family dwelling and at that time the deed restriction was placed on the dwelling. In order for the home to be a multi-family dwelling the current system would have to be upgraded by adding another tank to the system.

The owners informed the Board about all of the improvements totaling over \$35,000, they have had to make to the home since they bought it. They asked for the Board's help in trying to solve this matter in the least expensive way possible. The owners expressed their desire to rent the space to help them in their current situation.

The Board agreed to work with the owners and asked them to get a quote for the installation of a new tank. Ira stated that the amount will probably be around \$3000. Once the permit is issued the Board has agreed to work with the owners regarding the installation of the tank and the time frame for compliance. The owners were very dismayed by the situation but glad to have the Board's help solving the issues.

School Committee Correspondence - Discussion

Lorin suggested to the Board a need to send some correspondence to the School Committee regarding our previous letters and ask for a response regarding the outstanding issues of air quality, pesticides, and excessive temperatures at the schools. After a brief discussion, it was decided that a letter will be sent to the School Committee.

Lorin also suggested a letter be sent to the Library Trustees regarding the use of Volunteers Hall and whether it is available for all volunteer groups to use the facility now that the library is in full operation. A letter will be drafted and reviewed by the Board.

Minutes

Sean Doocey made a motion to accept the minutes of May 13, 2008 as presented. Tom Philippou seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Tom Philippou made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Sean Doocey seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk