

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 14, 2008

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hildreth House. Members present were Tom Philippou and Lorin Johnson. Others present were Shanna Large (Clerk), Ira Grossman, R.S. (NABH), Thomas Row (38 Woodchuck Hill Road), Mike Sullivan (Sullivan Co., Inc.), Mark and Alex Saganich (21 Depot Road), Mark and Seth Donohoe (64 Mass. Avenue), Dan Wolfe (David E. Ross Assoc. Inc.), Rick High (212 Bolton Road), and Kathy Bunnell (Harvard Press).

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

Rowe, 38 Woodchuck Hill – Well Variance

The Board reviewed the variance request for the above property. Mike Sullivan discussed the location of the proposed new well with the Board. Lorin Johnson made a motion to accept the variances as stated in the letter dated September 24, 2008. Tom Philippou seconded. The vote was 2-0 to approve.

Donohoe, 64 Massachusetts Avenue - Variance

Seth Donohoe came before the Board to discuss variances for the Sewage Disposal System (SDS) for the above property. The Board reviewed the plans and the variance request letter. After a brief discussion, Tom Philippou made a motion to accept the two offset variances as requested in a letter dated August 4, 2008. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 2-0 to approve.

Unitarian Fellowship Building - Discussion

Rick High and Dan Wolfe came before the Board to continue the discussion of November 14, 2006 regarding possible changes to the above property. Rick stated that the Building committee has been taking a look at LEAD certification and building a “green” building with possible composting toilets. They are still only looking for no more than 2000 gallons of usage per day. Even with continuous testing the site is very limited regarding the Sewage Disposal System (SDS). The current proposal is a 6000 square foot building with 6 or 7 meeting rooms and a primary use of Sunday mornings. They would like to stay with the same well and only upgrade the SDS. Ira informed them that there is not a set path to go about this “green” build but he is willing to work with them through the permitting process.

The Board expressed their desire to work with the Unitarian Church in this “Green” endeavor and asked them to continue to keep them informed.

Lyme Disease Forum Participation

The Board discussed its participation in the upcoming Lyme Disease Forum. Carol from Nashoba Nursing is volunteering to be on the panel and had asked for the Board's approval. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to her participation and Tom expressed the desire to help out too. Ms. Goodell, the Forum's contact, will be informed of the Board's interests.

Next two meetings

The Board discussed issues around their next two meetings. The meeting on October 28th conflicts with Special Town Meeting and the Board cannot meet on November 11th since it is Veterans Day. After a brief discussion the Board decided to move the October 28, 2008 meeting up to 6:00 pm and will use this time to sign permits and have a brief meeting. The meeting on November 11, 2008 has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

Hastings School -

Tom updated the Board on a walk through he attended at the Hastings School. The school is 78,000 square feet and is an example of how geothermal works. The major requirement for this type of project is various deep wells for the cooling. He explained that once everything is built and put in, heating and cooling offered the town some savings over traditional methods. Tom did express a concern of possible contamination. The concern is that if the water is contaminated before it returns into the ground you could contaminate the aquifer. Of note, since this structure was built, they have put in two more schools that are not geothermal because they could not able to put the wells in.

Permits

Bassi, 127 West Bare Hill Road, Lot 54 – Increase to existing six bedroom single-family dwelling. Installation of 1500 gallon septic tank and four trenches.

Donohoe, 64 Massachusetts Avenue, Lot 6 – Upgrade for existing three bedroom single-family dwelling. Installation of 1500 gallon septic tank and Cultec Chamber System.

Davy, 131 Bolton Road – Upgrade to existing dwelling. Installation of a two compartment tank.

Smith, 47 Pine Ridge Drive – Transfer of existing permit.

Arnold, 57 Old Mill Road – Upgrade to existing four bedroom single-family dwelling. Installation of trenches.

Minutes

Tom Philippou made a motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2008 as amended and September 23, 2008 as presented. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 2-0 to approve.

Tom Philippou made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Lorin Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 2-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk