

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 14, 2009

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Members present were Tom Philippou, Lorin Johnson and Jack Spero. Others present were Shanna Large (Clerk), Ira Grossman, R.S. (NABH), Al Combs (Agricultural Advisory Committee), Candy Frazer (Agricultural Advisory Committee), Dan Wolfe (David E. Ross, Assoc.), Frank Carlson (Agricultural Advisory Commission), Wendell Willard (Agricultural Advisory Committee), Peter Basile (Agricultural Advisory Committee), and Debra Skauen-Hinchcliffe (221 Still River Road).

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

Horowitz, Harvard General Store - Discussion

Adam Horowitz sent an email to the Board requesting the hearing be moved to a later date. The Board discussed this request and decided to reschedule the hearing for April 28, 2009 at 7pm.

The Board reviewed existing permits from other businesses in town and questioned Ira about the septic calculations because it seemed odd to the Board that the permit would specify the number of employees as a limiting factor. The Board decided to send a follow-up letter to the Zoning Enforcement Officer requesting input regarding the General Store.

Dan Wolfe for Hazel, 20 Bolton Road - Discussion

Dan came before the Board on behalf of Nancy Hazel for the above property. The Board reviewed the plans and the request for a variance. Lorin Johnson made a motion to accept the variance to the local regulation of a forty minute percolation rate for 20 Bolton Road, as stated on the Plans #L-11060 and in the letter dated April 14, 2009. Jack Spero seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Agricultural Advisory Commission – Stable Permit Discussion

Al Combs and representatives from the Ag Commission came before the Board to discuss the stable permit fee that is up for approval at Town meeting. The Ag Commission is not happy with the fee the Board of Health is proposing for stable permits, \$40 for a new permit and \$25 renewal per year. The Commission feels that this is another tax being forced upon the horse owners and does not believe it is necessary.

The Board explained that the fee is for the processing of the application and that they are mandated by the state to require stable licensing under Mass. General Law 111:155.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Agricultural Commission will draft up an amendment to the proposed stable permit fee changing the amount of the fee to a

one time fee of \$25. The Board will review the proposed amendment, as a friendly one, before town meeting.

Kilipi, 15 Pond Road - Discussion

A compliant was filed regarding the above property. Ira updated the Board about his site visit and past complaints. Ira also provided the Board with several photos detailing the debris and hazardous waste/chemicals on the property. After a brief discussion it was decided that Ira would call the dumpster owners on Wednesday and ask about the removal of the dumpster

Approval of Contractor for Noise Study-

Ira presented the Board with information regarding a contractor for a Noise Study for Fruitlands Museum as required by the Board of Selectmen. After reviewing the materials presented, Tom Philippou made a motion to approve Modeling Specialties for the Noise Study as chosen by Gabe Vellante. Jack Spero seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Town Center Septic Comments -

The Board discussed a request from the Selectmen for comment regarding the Town Center Sewer Proposal. The Board discussed several ways to issue this comment and decide to issue a list of 10 Benefits and 10 Concerns to be handed out at Town Meeting.

Minutes

Tom Philippou made a motion to accept the minutes from March 24, 2009 as amended. Jack Spero seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Tom Philippou made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk