

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**April 28, 2009**

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hildreth House. Members present were Tom Philippou, Lorin Johnson and Jack Spero. Others present were Shanna Large (Clerk), Ira Grossman, R.S. (NABH), Carlene Philips (7 Oak Hill Road), Candy Frazer (157 Bolton Road), Al Combs (35 Oak Hill Road), Debra Skauen-Hinchcliffe (221 Still River Road) and Kathy Bunnell (Harvard Press).

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

**Horowitz, Harvard General Store - Discussion**

A brief discussion was made regarding Mr. Horowitz's request to be excused from the meeting. Since no action regarding cancelation of the discussion or rescheduling was requested the discussion, as an action item, was held. However, Tom Philippou made a motion to extend the temporary occupancy of the Harvard Press until the Board's next meeting on May 12, 2009 which would also be extending a courtesy to the store by rescheduling the discussion. Lorin Johnson seconded. A discussion was held regarding this motion. Jack felt an extension was not necessary because it was his opinion that the Board can not grant it. Lorin stated that according to what he discovered at DEP the Board does not have the ability to give them a variance for this situation. Tom felt we should grant the extension anyway since they are not able to be present at this meeting, due to Mr. Horowitz's need to be present at the Selectman's meeting scheduled concurrently. Due to the long-standing history of this issue, Tom felt that the additional 2 weeks would not make much of a difference and that this delay will allow them to be present for the final discussion and decision. The Board is searching and investigating every issue with this occupancy including whether it is a change in use.

Carlene Philips spoke to the Board, as a concerned citizen, stating that the extra time might be helpful in forming a consensus with the Board regarding all of the issues at hand. She also stated that if the Press does not find a free home in the Harvard General Store, it will more than likely dissolve and everyone likes the Press. Carlene also felt that if the Board should allow change because change is good and the paper is good for the Town. The Board stated that this would be setting a precedent and that their job is to protect the environment and uphold the law.

A vote was taken and it was 2-1 to approve the extension of the temporary occupancy until May 12, 2009.

**Stable Permit Amendments**

Al Combs of the Agricultural Commission came before the Board to present them with the proposed amendment to the Stable Permit Warrant Article. After a brief discussion the proposed fee is being changed to a one time fee of \$25, rather than the initial fee, followed by a lower annual renewal fee. Lorin made a motion to accept the proposed amendment to the Warrant Article. Tom seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

### **Town Center Septic Comments**

The Board reviewed the list of concerns and benefits regarding the Town Center Septic. They decided to make changes to the list after attending the Town Center Septic Task Force Meeting being held in the Town Hall Meeting Room. The list will be updated and copies will be made available at the Town Meeting on May 2, 2009.

Tom Philippou made a motion to adjourn the meeting to the Town Hall Meeting Room at 7:35 pm so the Board could attend the Board of Selectmen/Town Center Sewer Task Force Meeting. Lorin seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk