

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 25, 2009

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 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), Dan Wolfe (David E. Ross Assoc.), Nathan Lamb (Harvard Hillside), Colleen Nigzus (Harvard Public Schools, and Kathy Bunnell (Harvard Press).

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

Lerner, 101 W. Bare Hill Road

Dan Wolfe came before the Board to discuss the plans for the above property. He is asking for two local variances, to allow for the installation of a Presby System. After a brief discussion, Tom Philippou made a motion to accept the local variances as shown on the plan L1144 and stated in the letter dated 7/29/09. Jack Spero seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

H1N1

Colleen Nigzus, School Nurse, came before the Board to discuss H1N1 and the plans for any outbreaks at the schools. She told the Board about the meeting she and Lorin attended for all the local towns where lots of information was distributed. Plans were discussed concerning contingencies for any anticipated outbreaks. She informed the Board that the current plan in the schools is to go by the CDC guidelines for keeping kids out of school. The guideline is that children should remain out of school until 24 hours without a fever. There are currently no plans or guidelines to close schools because of the pandemic. They will continue to monitor the situation with the CDC and if things change she will let us know.

At this time they have enough supplies and will be sending home pamphlets to each student at the beginning of the year. Each school has been equipped with multiple hand sanitizing units in the hallways and posters are on all the walls reminding students to wash their hands. Nashoba Nursing will be conducting a free flu clinic for the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available.

Davis, 261 Old Littleton Road - Discussion

The Board reviewed the stable permit for the above property. The Board agreed that they have concerns regarding the placement of the manure pile and will make arrangements to view the site before issuing a permit.

Keyes, 29 Shaker Road - Update

Ira updated the Board on the progress at the above property. The owners have not contacted Ira for an inspection. Also Gabe Vellante has rescinded the building permit for construction of the additional bedroom because of the Board's decision at their July 28, 2009 meeting. Ira sent an email to the owners requesting a time and date for an inspection and letting the owners know that just because the building permit was rescinded for the additional room, this decision should not affect the renovation of the existing house. These renovations are necessary and should continue.

Ira will update the Board again on the progress at its next meeting.

Kilpi, 15 Pond Road -Update

Bob Mignard, Harvard Fire Chief, updated the Board with the Fire Department perspective regarding to the above property. He is working with a family member, Christine, to get the property cleaned up and secure. They are slowly moving the unregistered cars off the property and are having trouble finding someone to take the oil/chemicals. The Chief has looked at the oil/chemical containers and they seem to be just oil so they will be discussing disposal of the oil at the transfer station or with a local garage. He will keep the Board updated on the progress.

Lead in the School Water –

Ira updated the Board regarding low levels of lead found in the school water fountains. Thomas Jefferson, Harvard Superintendent, notified him that lead was found. He is working with Rich Nota to mitigate the problem by instituting a flushing of the system on a regular basis. After a brief discussion the Board decided to send a letter to the schools asking for the test results and an update on the effectiveness of the flushing program.

Minutes

Tom Philippou made a motion to accept the minutes of April 28, 2009 and July 14, 2009 as amended. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Permits

Nigzus, 26 Madigan Lane –Single Component replacement for existing 4 bedroom single family dwelling. Installation of a sewer line.

Alfieri, 85 Lancaster County Road - Single Component replacement for a proposed 5 bedroom condo unit. Installation of a sewer line.

Sorenson, 304 Old Littleton Road – Single Component replacement for existing dwelling. Installation of a distribution box.

Farrell, 119 Tahanto Trail – Upgrade existing 3 bedroom single family dwelling. Installation of 1500 Gallon Tank, Septictech 400 and Leach Field.

Alexander, 79 Finn Road – Upgrade existing 4 bedroom single family dwelling. Installation of 1500 gallon two compartment tank and three trenches.

Tom Philippou made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Jack Spero seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk