

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 10, 2009

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Members present were Tom Philippou, Jack Spero, and Lorin Johnson. Others present were Shanna Large (Clerk), Ira Grossman, R.S. (NABH), Cliff Tomassian (50 Turner Lane), Steve Poole (Consolidated Design, Hudson, MA), Robert Adam (Parker Road, Shirley, MA), John Martin(5 Fairbank Street), Rudy Minar (204 Still River Road), and Dan Wolfe (David E. Ross, Assoc.) and Deborah Skauen-Hinchliffe,

The Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. Business was as follows:

Cliff Tomassian, 50 Turner Lane - Discussion

Steve Poole and Cliff Tomassian came before the Board to discuss the above seasonal property. The Subsurface Disposal System (SDS) is currently in failure and the water supply is contaminated. A new plan was presented to the Board with regards to drilling a new well and installing a new SDS. After a brief discussion about the cost of the large installation and the need to clear the land for the SDS, the Board discussed other options the owners might have including installing a tight tank for the home instead of the large new system for this seasonal property. The owners will still have to get permission from DEP for the 50 foot offset and come back to the Board for permitting. The Board will research overriding the 50 foot offset of the well to the SDS in order to make the drilling of the new well easier.

Robert Adam & Dan Wolfe, 204 West Bare Hill Road – Well Discussion

Dan Wolfe & Robert Adam came before the Board to discuss the existing abandoned well at the above property. They do not agree with the Board's decision on the January 13, 2009 to fill the well with clean sand to a height above the high groundwater table.

Dan and Robert explained the significance of the well and the house being one of the oldest in the Town of Harvard and they would like to retain access to the historic well and the artifacts it may contain. They are drilling a new well so this one would not be used as the water supply for the house or grounds. The Board expressed concerns about contamination to the groundwater supply from the runoff if the well stayed open. Dan addressed the concern in the new plans to move the existing driveway and have to secure the well and divert run off move away from the house and well.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board and owners agreed to the following:

- All pipes from the existing well to the house will be disconnected and removed.
- In the spring, the historic well will be chlorinated (shocked) in order to try and remove the coliform that is currently present.
- The well will be tested several days after the shocking and every six (6) months or year after (length of time to be determined later) at the owner's expense.
- The well will be covered with the historic stone slab and reinforced concrete as well as a lock to prevent access. A porch will then be constructed over the well with a hatch to allow access for testing.

Nigzus, 26 Madigan Lane - Discussion

Ira informed the Board that no permit was ever obtained for the installation of a sewer line at the above property. He would like to send a letter to the owner requesting Mr. Nigzus apply for a permit. The Board agreed and a letter will be sent.

Warrant Article for Stable Permit Fee - Discussion

The Board discussed writing a warrant article for Town Meeting in order to begin charging a yearly fee for stable permits. It was decided that this would be discussed at the Boards next meeting on February 24, 2009.

General Store - Discussion

Ira informed the Board that there was a article in the paper that the Harvard Press was moving to the General store. He informed Mr. Horowitz via email that this would change the use of the building. Mr. Horowitz came in to the office and had a brief discussion with Ira and is in the process of drawing up a proposal of use to present to the Board.

Town Center Sewer Task Force - Discussion

The Board discussed the upcoming proposal from the Task Force. After a brief discussion, the Board will request a copy of the proposal for review and will issue comments after their review.

Permits

Weiner, 232 Old Littleton Road, Lot 6 – Single component replacement for existing dwelling. Installation of a 1500 Gallon Septic Tank,

Minutes

Lorin Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 27, 2009 and February 5, 2009 as amended. Tom Philippou seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Tom Phiippou made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m. Lorin Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk