

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 13, 2009

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hildreth House. Members present were Tom Philippou, Jack Spero, and Lorin Johnson. Others present were Shanna Large (Clerk), Ira Grossman, R.S. (NABH), Debra Skauen-Hinchcliffe, Gerry Welch (MHOC), and Kathy Bunnell (Harvard Press).

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

13 Bolton Road - Discussion

Ira presented a letter from Pio Lombardo regarding the testing of the system for the above property. The engineer is requesting a reduction in sampling frequency for the Subsurface Disposal System. Ira stated that the sampling does not represent operational use of the system since the house was unoccupied for sometime and the sampling was not complete for all of the required parameters nor do the results demonstrate the system is functioning within limits. After a brief discussion, Tom Philippou made a motion to send a letter to the engineer, DEP, and the owners requesting the DEP deny the sampling reduction request and require the full sampling continue for a minimum of 18 months where the results are within the permitting limits. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

204 West Bare Hill Road – Well Discussion

Ira presented a letter from Robert Adam for a variance to keep the historic well at the above property. The variance request was to keep the well, cover it, remove existing pipe to the well, and then to build a deck over it. Lorin asked about the water quality of this well and whether it was currently used. Ira stated the well is abandoned and is contaminated with coliform. The owners have installed a new well. After a brief discussion it was decided to deny the variance and have the owners fill the old well with sand up to the water table to allow any future excavation of historic artifacts and they could maintain the top of the well as historic.

Annual Report Deadline

The Board reminded about the upcoming deadline for the Towns Annual Report submission.

Letter for MEMA

The Board discussed an upcoming letter they would like to send to MEMA requesting supplies for emergencies. The Board felt the letter should also ask for protocols regarding emergency procedures during non-biological warfare.

A discussion was had about best emergency practices and the best way to notify citizens whether through the town website, reverse 911, or connect-ed. It was apparent that during the latest emergency there were some critical holes in the emergency

procedures. It was decided to update the Emergency Contact List and to make sure all Emergency Personnel received a copy.

The Board had a brief discussion regarding its responsibility during the emergency which could possibly range from being the Emergency Director to simply locating and maintaining a place of rescue that is safe and sanitary. Also discussed were the needs of pets and farm animals and where they fit into the emergency plan. It was decided that all of these items need to be included within the Emergency Planning Discussions.

MHOC, 15 Littleton Road Lot 1 and Lot 2 -

The Board continued their discussion from the December 9, 2008 meeting regarding the proposed Master Condo Documents. Ira has contacted Town Counsel and he is reviewing the proposed documents. A brief discussion occurred regarding the installation of a generator or hook up for a generator for emergency backup for the Subsurface Disposal System. The Board told Gerry Welch from MHOC they would like to see a generator with quarterly testing or a 24 hour backup plan in case of power outage included within the Master Deed.

Permits

MA Housing Opportunities Corp, Littleton Road, Lot 1- Installation of a new six unit-12 bedrooms total, Subsurface Disposal System. Installation of 4,000 gallon 2 compartment tank, 2500 gallon dosing chamber with dual pumps, and seven deep trenches with vents.

MA Housing Opportunities Corp, Littleton Road, Lot 2- Installation of a new six unit-12 bedrooms total, Subsurface Disposal System. Installation of 4,000 gallon 2 compartment tank, 2500 gallon dosing chamber with dual pumps, and seven deep trenches with vents.

James Barrett, 261 Old Littleton Road- Single component replacement for existing dwelling. Installation of Distribution Box

Donald Walter, Lovers Lane Lot 102 – Installation of a new five bedroom single family dwelling Subsurface Disposal System in compliance with Title 5.

Minutes

Tom Philippou made a motion to approve the minutes of November 25, 2008 as amended. Jack Spero seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Tom Philippou made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Lorin Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk