

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 14, 2009

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, July 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), Cindy and Dan Femino (273 Stow Road), Peter Gemell (Berlin), John and Andrea Pelak (2 Stonecutters Path), and Kurt Hayes (LymeLite: Lyme Awareness).

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

O'Brien, Still River Road – Discussion

Tom read a letter from the O'Briens to the Board. The letter claimed that the well in question has been capped as ordered for decades and demands that a cert. of completion be issued. After a brief discussion it was decided that Ira will contact the O'Briens to set up a time to inspect the well in question. Tom volunteered to attend this meeting once the time and date have been established.

Kurt Hayes – Lyme Awareness

Kurt Hayes came before the Board to discuss Lymelite, a local organization established to help raise awareness of lyme disease. He went over a scaled down presentation and asked for the Board's support in sponsoring an event in the town. The Board agreed and discussed several options for time and place. It was agreed that the best time would be in September in conjunction with the return to school and support from the school nurses. This would present an opportunity to address other health concerns that parents have raised, and begin a discussion about the upcoming influenza season. The Board will work with Kurt and the school nurses in finding a time and place for the event.

Femino, 273 Stow Road -

Dan and Cindy Femino came before the Board to discuss the remodel of an existing home at 273 Stow Road. They would like to demolish the existing home and use the existing concrete slab of their three bedroom home to build a new two story home. The Board reviewed the proposal and agreed that their existing three bedroom subsurface disposal system should be able to support the new three bedroom home since there will be no increase in flow. Tom suggested they consult the Conservation Commission since there might be wetlands concerns.

Gaw , 8 Wilroy - Discussion

Ira updated the Board regarding the well situation at the above property. The owner feels that his well is being contaminated by stairs made of pressure treated lumber which were built over the wellhead. The Board will send a letter to the owner requesting a

water test for at least coliform bacteria and arsenic. If this test produces unusual results, then the Board will address the issues.

Chair of the Board

Jack Spero nominated Tom Philippou to be the Chairman of the Harvard Board of Health. Lorin Johnson seconded. Tom Philippou accepted the nomination. The Board voted 3-0 to approve.

Keyes, 29 Shaker Road - Discussion

Ira updated the Board regarding ongoing noncompliance issues with this property. He recommended that the Board start the condemnation process. The Board determined that it would halt the process if demonstrable progress were being made in addressing the multitude of concerns. The Board agreed and Ira will send the order to the property owners.

Noise Regulations - Discussion

The Board discussed whether or not they should establish noise regulations as a part of their regulations. After a review of the state regulations, the Board decided that there was not need to establish their own.

Sewer regulations were briefly discussed with no decisions. Further discussions will be held at a later date.

Clerk Office Hours for Next Week

Shanna informed the Board that she will be out of the office from July 15 – 26. Ira will be available to field any questions during his normal hours of 8am-9am on Tuesday and Thursday.

Permits

Russell, Old Littleton Road Lot 2 – Installation of new six bedroom single family system in full compliance of Title 5.

Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church, 7 Elm Street – Local upgrade. Installation of 3500 gallon two compartment tank and Presby Enviro-Septic System.

Jack Spero made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Tom Philippou seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk