

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 23, 2009

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 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), Lon Nichols (for 21 Hillcrest Drive), 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:

Nichols for Macadie, 21 Hillcrest Drive - Discussion

Lon Nichols came before the Board to discuss a variance for the above property. Mr. Nichols is asking for a variance for the number of test holes required in the local regulations. The Board reviewed the plans submitted and read the variance request letter.

Tom Philippou made a motion to accept the variance for the Local Board of Health regulation regarding number of test holes on a property for the plan #914 dated 6/8/09. Jack Spero seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Kilipi, 15 Pond Road - Discussion

The Board discussed the above property and the lack of compliance to the Order to Correct dated March 16, 2009. Ira requested that the Board of Health send a letter to the Town requesting them to clean up the property if nothing is done by June 29, 2009.

The Board discussed the issue and decided to send a letter to the Selectmen requesting the Town take over cleaning up the property in the event that the owners do not comply by Monday June 29, 2009. The Board will also attempt to contact the party(s) responsible for the property so that the town does not need to provide this service.

Chair of the Board

The Board held a brief discussion regarding the Chair position and whether anyone would like to take it on for the next year. The Board decided to table the vote on the chair position until its next meeting on July 14, 2009

More Board of Health Clerk Hours

Tom read a draft of a proposed letter to the Selectmen requesting an additional 6 hours per week to be temporarily added to the Clerk position. This time will be used to ensure the town's continued readiness for a pandemic crisis and to assemble and disseminate the most current recommendations issued by the CDC to our residents. This request is only temporary until the elevated threat level from the CDC returns to pre-pandemic levels. The Board strongly endorsed the letter and feels that failure to fund this small request could compromise the town's ability to adequately prepare for this emergency.

The Board discussed and signed the letter. It will be given to the Selectmen in time for their next meeting.

Water Commission Liaison

Jack discussed the request by the water commissioner to have a liaison from the Board of Health. The Board discussed the issue and Jack Spero accepted the nomination and will be the liaison.

Evergreen Solar- Discussion

The Board discussed the need for adopting a noise regulation in light of the situation with Evergreen Solar. They decided to begin discussion on this topic at their next meeting.

Sewer – Discussion

The Board discussed crafting some sewer district regulations. In previous conversations, Ira has asked DEP about any variances that might be available to homeowners who need a new septic system before installation of the town center sewer. The Board will begin the discussion of potential regulations at its next meeting.

Permits

Macadie, 21 Hillcrest Drive, Lot 13 - Upgrade of existing three bedroom single family dwelling. Installation of 1500 gallon septic tank, 1000 gallon pump chamber and infiltrator quick standard units.

A.R. Levinson Trust, 175 East Bare Hill Road – Upgrade of existing four bedroom single family dwelling. Installation of 1500 gallon septic tank and infiltrator high capacity C-4 units.

Tom Philippou made a motion accept the variances of reduction in the leaching area size, less than 25 feet to a leaching catch basin and a local variances of the percolation rate over 40 and the number of perc tests as stated in the memo provided. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Tingle, 75 Old Mill Road – Single component replacement for existing dwelling. Installation of a Distribution Box.

Whitten, 55 Warren Avenue - Upgrade of existing three bedroom single family dwelling. Installation of 1500 gallon septic tank, 1000 gallon pump chamber, and leaching field.

Ogelesby, 91 Old Littleton Road – Single component replacement for existing dwelling. Installation of 1500 gallon septic tank.

Jack Spero made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk