

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 12, 2009

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hildreth House. Members present were Tom Philippou, Lorin Johnson and Jack Spero. Others present were Shanna Large (Clerk), Ira Grossman, R.S. (NABH), Worth and Susan Robbins (115 Mass. Ave), David Bragdon (20 Tahanto Trail), andra Evans (83 Finn Road), Charles Gamage (19 Deerfoot Trail), Holly Rothkopf (14 Old Boston Turnpike), Lisa Acinkewicz (61 Depot Road), Julie Moberly (76 East Bare Hill Road), Sydney Blackwell (15 Willow Road), Susie Macrae (73 Oak Hill Road), Janice Perry (42 Old Mill Road), Adam Horwitz (53 Woodchuck Hill Road), Ruth Silman (114 Bolton Road), 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:

Horowitz, Harvard General Store - Discussion

Ruth Silman and Adam Horwitz came before the Board to discuss the ongoing request to use the 3rd floor of the general store as office space for the Harvard Press. Because the Board is working from old unclear permits establishing the use of the building there have been many questions as to what can be allowed and what cannot, without adding stress to the existing subsurface disposal system.

Ruth and Adam pointed to past usage of the building and how this new usage of the third floor would still be less than with the previous owners, and that based on system design estimated capacity, the change in flow would not tax the system. They also insisted that the addition of the newspaper would not be a 'change in use', as the general store had previously used this space as 'office space'. Ruth proposed to the Board the option of having Title 5 inspections every 6 months as well as yearly pumping until the Town Center Septic is installed and operating.

After a lengthy discussion, Tom Philippou made a motion to clarify the existing permit, by interpreting it to read as no more than 8 employees and thereby allow the Harvard Press to occupy the 3rd floor with required title 5 inspections every 6 months and yearly pumping. Failure to comply will trigger the owners of the Harvard General Store to appear before the Board once again. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Adam thanked the Board for their efforts and promised to be good stewards of this situation.

94 Brown Road - Stable Permit

The Board reviewed the stable application for the above property. Tom Philippou made a motion to accept the stable application for 94 Brown Road. Jack Spero seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Evergreen Solar Compliant

Janice Perry came before the Board to ask for their continued support in resolving the noise issues at Evergreen Solar. After a thorough discussion, the Board agreed to send a letter to Evergreen Solar asking them to provide us with prompt notice whenever there is a "spill" of any hazardous materials onsite, regardless of whether or not the spill represents a "reportable" event pursuant to MA Department of Environmental Protection regulations, as part of a good neighbor policy. Also, since there has been some publicity in the local news paper we feel it is prudent for us to be aware of the activities at Evergreen Solar that may affect our residents, so please copy us on all correspondence regarding this issue.

Minutes

Tom Philippou made a motion to accept the minutes of March 10, 2009 as presented. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Administrative Assistant position

Tom drafted a letter from the Board to the selectman regarding the cut in hours and lack of funding for the Board of health Administrative Assistant position. Under Massachusetts law the Board is the sole authority to determine its' needs in order to protect the public's health. The Board had a brief discussion regarding the letter and will attempt to arrange a meeting with the selectman to see if the funding could be reinstated. Tom will contact Leo Blair and try to arrange a meeting to get this problem resolved.

Tom Philippou made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Jack Spero seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk