

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 27, 2009

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 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 Ira Grossman, R.S. (NABH), Lou Russo (Wheeler Realty Trust), Nick Pauling and Bruce Ringwall (GPR, Inc.), Tim Bragan (Town of Harvard), and Kathy Bunnell (Harvard Press).

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

Russo, Wheeler Realty Trust, Ayer Road- Discussion

Nick appeared before the Board to ask for the approval of one local Board of Health waiver for the offset between the primary and reserve trenches. Since the last meeting they have done more testing on the property and provided a locust plan reflecting all of this testing. The Board reviewed the plan with the Engineer.

Bruce stated that they would like to get a waiver for the trenches between trenches so they can finalize the design plans for the Innovative Technology proposed. Nick discussed the Innovative Technology types and why they chose this one in particular. Ira stated that this system will require monthly reports for 3 years because of the innovative technology. The Engineers and owner are aware of these requirements.

A discussion ensued regarding the deed, what needs to be on it, and ownership of the property. Since this meeting was about the waiver request no decisions were made regarding deed or ownership issues. This will be addressed at a later meeting when the documentation has been created. The Board is looking for clearly defined 'responsible parties' in the event of system failures or required repairs and maintenance, as they have with other large projects. One other concern that was discussed was the importance of emergency power, in part because of the past ice storm's severity.

Tom Philippou made a motion to approve the local waiver for the reserve trenches between primary trenches provided that an adequately sized Modular Fast system can be installed as part of the design plan for this project. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Innovative Technology Compliance

The Board discussed the issue of continued non-compliance regarding installed I/A systems. The follow-up is time consuming to the Board even when voluntary compliance occurs, but becomes almost unmanageable when it does not. The homeowners are responsible for submitting reports to the office on a minimum of a yearly basis, in some cases, more frequently. The question is how to enforce these reporting requirements, and encourage homeowners to be more compliant with the required reporting. The Board discussed sending out a letter as a reminder and if this does not work they may establish and begin issuing fines for non-compliance.

Keyes, 29 Shaker Road – Update

Ira stated that he has been trying to contact the homeowners for several weeks but has been unable to reach them. He drove by today but it looked like no one was home so he did not stop in. The good news is that last time he visited everything was heading towards a safe environment. The Board asked Ira to continue to try to get in contact with the family and provide an update at a future meeting.

Minutes

Tom Philippou made a motion to table the minutes of August 25, 2009, September 8, 2009, and September 22, 2009. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Permits

Jones, 66 Bolton Road - Upgrade for existing four bedroom dwelling. Installation of Presby Enviro Septic System.

Murphy, West Bare Hill Road, Lot 10B17 – Installation of a new Innovative and Alternative system for a four bedroom single family dwelling.

Caruso, 35 Woodchuck Hill Road – Single component replacement for existing dwelling. Installation of a new 1500 gallon septic tank.

Lorin Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Jack Spero seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk