

HARVARD BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2010
HELD AT HILDRETH HOUSE AT 7:00 PM

Members Present: Jack Spero, Chairman
 Lorin Johnson
 TomPhilippou
Also Present: Ira Grossman, R.S. NABOH

Jack Spero called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion: Drip Irrigation System at 6 Partridge Hill Road

The owners of the property, Mr. and Mrs. Reedich, were present for a discussion on the performance of their current SDS system which is a drip irrigation system.

There had been several major problems during the installation and completion phases. At this point, the Reedichs stated that the system seems to be functioning properly, although they remain concerned with some prior issues.

Mr. Reedich reviewed the timeline of the installation and the prior problems. He also provided some Google Earth photos documenting the surface breakout during two failures of the system. At the conclusion, Jack Spero asked the owners if they would recommend this system to anyone; their reply was that they did not have that level of confidence in the system. Mr. Reedich stated that a positive feature of this system was that the height of the mound was substantially lower than conventional systems.

The Board agreed that the current moratorium on this type of system remain in force.

Watjus Building, Ayer Road – Septic System Capacity

Bruce Ringwall of GPR was present for the owner; Mr. Watjus was also present.

Mr. Watjus has increased the medical staff (doctors) at his building on Ayer Road. There is also a Pizza Shop in the building. Mr. Watjus had applied to DEP for a Title 5 variance which has been denied by the State.

Mr. Ringwall reviewed water meter readings and other data. Mr. Grossman stated that although the readings are lower than expected that is not how the formula is calculated and there is an approved and classified use for the building (restaurant and medical offices).

The Board members are sympathetic with the restaurant and would like to find a way to keep this business in town; however, DEP sets the minimum standard for the flow and the property owner has full discretion in determining compliance. Mr. Grossman re-stated that DEP has denied the request. Mr. Grossman stated that at this point, only DEP could grant permission for the additional flow.

BOH Budget

Board members reviewed the current fiscal year budget and made adjustments for next fiscal year. Ira Grossman stated that NABOH might be increasing their fees by 5%, and definitely would after the next census, if not prior to then.

Mosquito Control Meeting

There was more discussion on the details of this meeting. A firm date has not been chosen; however, a target date of November 20 was discussed. Questions remain about who will be making the presentations.

Permits

The following permits were signed by the Board:

7 Deerfoot Road – Tank; Distribution Box

73 Myrick Road, Lot 64 – Distribution Box

Lorin Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm; motion seconded by Tom Philippou; vote: aye, unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on November 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Hildreth House.

Minutes submitted by Linda Cantillon