

*Harvard Board of Health*  
*Minutes of Meeting October 11, 2011*  
*Held in Hildreth House, 7:00 PM*

**Present:** Jack Spero, Chairman  
Lorin Johnson  
Tom Philippou  
**Also Present:** Linda Cantillon, Clerk  
Ira Grossman, NABOH

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Discussion: Shaker Road Conceptual Plan/Eng: Bruce Ringwall, GPR**

Mr. Ringwall asked for time to discuss a conceptual plan for Shaker Road (currently part of Shaker Hills Golf Club). Also present was Joe Levine, who stated he was representing the Golf Club.

Mr. Grossman asked Mr. Ringwall if the lot “exists” yet; Mr. Ringwall stated it was not.

Mr. Ringwall reviewed all of the testing information (perc testing and deep holes). There is groundwater at 36-40” throughout the testing areas; the perc rate is two minutes. Ledge is throughout the property at various depths.

Mr. Ringwall stated that this proposal would meet Title 5 requirements for new construction; but would not fully meet Harvard BOH regulations; specifically distances (offsets) to ledge. The site is steep.

Mr. Grossman stated again that this site is not appropriate as a building lot due to all of the site constraints and additionally, it is not a legal, subdivided building lot at this point. Mr. Grossman also stated that with the absence of naturally occurring soil, disposal would occur, but not treatment.

Mr. Ringwall disagreed.

A discussion continued on the depth of naturally occurring soils; ledge; and topography. Mr. Ringwall presented ariel views of the site.

Mr. Spero asked a question from a “homeowner” standpoint: “Who would want to buy a lot like this with ledge and the other challenges?” Mr. Ringwall stated again that the soil that is present is not imported soil, the soil that would be removed would be put back where it came from. Mr. Grossman disagreed with this statement and said that the soil is disturbed once it’s dug up, it is broken up, trapped, there is ledge and this will limit groundwater movement. Additionally, he is concerned with the treatment of any pharmaceuticals and other chemicals that get dumped into septic systems; Mr. Johnson asked what type of system would be planned and if the approval would have to go to DEP; Mr. Ringwall stated most likely a Presby system and that it would not have to go to DEP for approval. Mr. Spero feels that this project has too many concerns and is not an appropriate site.

Mr. Spero also inquired on the site work plans; if there were plans for a basement and whether blasting would be necessary. Mr. Ringwall replied that blasting was a possibility.

Mr. Philippou stated that he would like to visit the site. Mr. Johnson agreed. They will try to get there within a few days to review the site. Mr. Levine stated it was fine for them to come to the site.

### **Permits**

134 Stow Road/The permit was signed.

36 Park Lane/The permit was signed.

21 Bolton Road/The permit was signed.

106 Mass Ave, Lot 1/The permit was signed.

### **Other Business**

**Hazel Property/Ayer Road Complaint:** Mr. Grossman mentioned that there were complaints about a full dumpster at the Hazel property on Ayer Road. This dumpster has been at the site since the Harvard Fall Festival and contains food among other trash. Mr. Grossman will send a letter addressing the problem.

**Harvard General Store:** A Title 5 inspection is due at this location; the Board suggested that the owners be invited in for the next meeting. A letter will be sent with the time and location to appear for a discussion.

Mr. Johnson submitted a flyer from Mass Deer Service which aids homeowners with deer problems. He also submitted a newspaper article about Lyme Disease and the Lincoln Tick Task Force.

Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm; motion seconded by Jack Spero; vote: aye, unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on October 25, 2011.

*Minutes submitted by Linda Cantillon*