

HARVARD BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9/13/11
HILDRETH HOUSE, 7:00 PM

Members Present: Jack Spero, Chairperson
Lorin Johnson
Tom Philippou

Also Present: Linda Cantillon, Clerk
Ira Grossman, R.S., NABOH

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

Discussion: 94 Bolton Road/Owner: F. Hynes/Eng: GPR

There is an existing permit and approved plan for this property. (Permit signed on Aug 9, 2011.) Pauline and Charles Carroll, abutters (100 Bolton Road) raised concerns about this upgrade and any possible detriments to their property, e.g., water problems, etc.

Present for the owner was Doug Miller of GPR. Concerned abutters present were: Pauline and Charles Carroll (100 Bolton Rd.) and Wade Holtzman (104 Bolton Rd.).

Also present was the owner of the property, Mr. Hynes and his daughter, Dorothy Orlando.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll of 100 Bolton Road have approached the Board and Mr. Grossman with their concerns about the approved plan for 94 Bolton Road. The Carrolls provided the Board with a letter (list) of concerns and photographs of 94 Bolton Road. The primary concern was the accumulation of stormwater and its run-off.

Mr. Miller addressed each concern raised by the Carrolls. Mr. Miller reviewed the plan, topography, deep hole and perc information. He stated that the location of the septic system is the best location for this lot, given the lack of soil, proximity to the well, ledge and wetlands. The site has many constraints. Mr. Miller stated again that the location of the system is the best choice.

Mr. Miller reviewed the swale and explained how this would function for capturing water and directing it away from the abutting property to the low point on the property.

Mrs. Carroll questioned how this provided protection for future buyers; Mr. Grossman stated that the plan meets Title V and the Town of Harvard's regulations. She also inquired on whether this swale and the berm were part of any deed restriction; Mr. Grossman explained that the swale and berm are part of the approved design and permit. Mrs. Carroll asked what there was in place to prevent any future owner from deconstructing the berm/swale, and the Board told Mrs. Carroll that she should certainly report that to the Board and the Board would decide on an action.

The owner, Franklyn Hynes described the topography of the lots and abutting properties. Mr. Hynes is a lifelong resident and provided some historical information of the area. His daughter, Dorothy Orlando of Westford was also present with Mr. Hynes.

A lengthy discussion continued. Ira Grossman added that upgrading the failing system will be an improvement and the water problem which currently exists will not be made worse by constructing the new system. He reiterated that a swale and berm would aid with the flow of the water.

The Chairman closed discussion. No changes were made and the installation will proceed according to the plan and permit.

Permits:

Whitney Road, Lots 1 and 2/New Construction/Owner: Harris/Eng: GPR
The permits for Lots 1 and 2 were signed.

Town Waiver Form (s): Amendment to Existing Forms

Currently, there are waiver request forms available for properties within the Town Center Sewer District for Title V inspections and upgrades/repairs.

An amendment was made to these forms (Item 4) to address the effect of the Town Center Sewer Project cost overrun on the language in the form.

36 Park Lane/Eng: David E. Ross & Associates

Upgrade to existing dwelling. Dan Wolfe of David E. Ross & Associates was present for the owner. Mr. Wolfe reviewed the plan and associated variances. A Presby system will be installed.

Tom Philippou moved to grant the variances associated with Plan L-11674; motion seconded by Jack Spero; vote: aye, unanimous.

Other Permits:

9 Depot Road Road/D-Box/Owner: Dawson. The permit was signed.

76 Old Mill Road/Single Component/Owner: Bobzin/Eng:David E. Ross & Associates. The permit was signed.

Cleaves Hill Road/Transfer and Extension/Owner:Jos. The permit was signed.

71 Old Mill Road/Bldg Sewer and Force Main Relocation/Owner: Curtis. The permit was signed.

56 Myrick Lane/Owner: Lee/D-Box. The permit was signed.

188 Stow Road/New Construction (Increase in flow)/Owner: Dupuis/Eng: Hancock Assoc. The permit was signed.

West Nile Virus:

Lorin Johnson brought a newspaper article from the Acton Beacon concerning West Nile Virus. The article reported that a second sampling of mosquitoes in Acton tested positive for WNV. Mr. Johnson wanted to bring this to the Board's attention. A copy of the article will be kept in the Board of Health office.

Tom Philippou moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20; motion seconded by Lorin Johnson; vote: aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled meeting is September 27, 2011.

Minutes submitted by Linda Cantillon