

HARVARD BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING MAY 24, 2011
HELD AT 7:00 PM, HILDRETH HOUSE

Members Present: Jack Spero, Chairperson
Lorin Johnson
Tom Phillipou

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

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

52 Massachusetts Ave/Owner: O'Hearn

This property was purchased in January of 2011 without a Title 5 inspection. The owner has been directed to submit a valid Title 5 inspection to the approving authority. There has been no response from the owner. Currently, the property is also being offered for rent/lease. This is a violation of the State Sanitary Code to rent or occupy the dwelling without a subsurface sewage disposal system which is in compliance with Title 5.

A letter will be sent again to the owner stating the property cannot be rented or leased and inviting Ms. O'Hearn in to our next board meeting to discuss this matter.

82 Warren Ave/Owner: Vonloesecke/Eng: GPR

Matt Bombaci of GPR was present along with Mr. Vonloesecke (owner) and his son. Matt presented a plan for an upgrade which included some variance requests for approval. Mr. Bombaci reviewed the requests and stated the reasons for the requests including aesthetics (stonewall, tree, landscaping) and financial hardship. Mr. Grossman stated that full compliance can be met at this site and did not agree with what the engineer had cited as hardships.

The Board agreed that an upgrade is a substantial improvement. Lorin Johnson suggested a site walk would be beneficial. The owners of the property agreed and gave permission for the board to visit the site. The Board will meet at the site on Friday, May 27, 2011 at 8:30 am and a meeting will be posted.

Bob Douglas – Harvard Resident/Town of Andover Conservation Agent

Mr. Douglas was invited in for an informal discussion about deer hunting on conservations lands. Mr. Douglas is a Harvard resident and environmental scientist, but works for the Town of Andover as their Conservation Agent.

He relayed his experience in Andover with successfully opening up conservation land to hunters there. He stated the dangers and health concerns with the over-population of deer; car accidents, tick population, Lyme Disease, damage to crops, yards, and destruction of the understory of the woods. He cited statistics on deer density in Andover and other statistics.

He stated that the town made a bylaw change at Town Meeting. Tom Philippou asked if there was a difference in the population of deer; Mr. Douglas stated he was not sure.

Jack Spero stated that if this proposal ever comes to fruition, the Conservation Commission ought be the sponsors of the article. Mr. Douglas said he would speak with the Commission and the Conservation Trust.

Mr. Douglas stated he will provide more information for the Board to review. The Board thanked Mr. Douglas for coming to the meeting.

Master Plan Steering Committee Member Request

The Master Plan Steering Committee is requesting that a BOH member join; Lorin and Tom said they would be interested, but need to know the time commitment beforehand.

Permits

The installer for 16 Shaker Road (D-Box) installed the box without a permit. They have gone through the process of obtaining a permit and the necessary inspections. Mr. Grossman stated that the work has been completed. Board members asked how often this happens (work without a permit); Mr. Grossman stated that it rarely happens. Mr. Philippou asked if perhaps fines could be instituted. Other ideas were to bring the installer in for a hearing at a minimum. This installer will be asked to appear at a future meeting.

16 Shaker Road – D-Box/Owner: Wallberg; the permit was signed.

Deed Restriction Procedure

Linda suggested that we establish a procedure for recording deed restrictions. Currently, it is up to the homeowner/owner of record to record these restrictions. A procedure was suggested by Linda. Mr. Philippou asked for it to be in writing for review.

Tom Philippou moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm; motion seconded by Lorin Johnson; vote: aye, unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on June 14, 2011.