

HARVARD BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING JULY 12, 2011
HELD AT HILDRETH HOUSE AT 7:00 PM

Members Present: Jack Spero, Chairman
Lorin Johnson
Tom Philippou

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

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

Permits

The following permits were signed:

29 Madigan Lane/Owner: Hall/Distribution Box

55 Warren Avenue/Owner: Homes/Upgrade to existing dwelling

343 Ayer Road/Owner: Shraison/Upgrade to existing dwelling with variances; Tom PHilippou moved to grant the associated variances for Plan # 11-015P by Civil Solutions; motion seconded by Lorin Johnson; vote: aye, unanimous.

13 Westcott Road

Ira Grossman reported that the septic system at this property has been pumped (records were submitted by the pumping company) six times within a year. This indicates a failing septic system. Ira will send a letter/notice to the homeowner. The Board approved this action.

The Board was informed that there is a meeting of the Master Plan Steering Committee on July 19 at 7:30 am.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 28, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved with edits. Jack Spero moved to approve the minutes of June 28, 2011 with edits; motion seconded by Lorin Johnson; vote: aye, unanimous.

Five Year Plan Discussion with Selectman Ron Ricci

Selectman Ricci, Selectmen Board of Health liaison, attended the meeting for a general discussion on the five-year plan for the Town. He gave examples of other board's plans, and stated that this five-year plan is generally about long and short term goals. The plan should include capital items (which do not apply to the BOH), etc. Some general suggestions that were discussed were developing noise regulations and the need for a better, more integrated emergency plan.

The Board explained that they have been working on a myriad of subjects, outreach topics including education. Lorin Johnson cited some examples of that including the emergency trailer; the outreach via a meeting co-sponsored by the Board of Health and Central Mass Mosquito Control; the warrant article to purchase larvicide; and the Board's attendance at Mass Department of Health seminars and conferences. There were other topics suggested; Tom Philippou suggested that perhaps a fund for residents in financial hardship and other criteria could receive some assistance; it was also mentioned that more work has to be done with emergency planning. Board members agreed that emergency planning is important; the various roles, responsibilities and authority need understanding/clarification.

Jack Spero asked the timeframe and timeframe for submission; Ron stated that September 7, 2011 is the target date deadline. The Board will discuss this topic again at future meetings.

The Board thanked and extended their appreciation to Selectman Ricci for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Jack Spero moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm; motion seconded by Tom Philippou; vote: aye, unanimous.

Minutes submitted by Linda Cantillon.

The next meeting will be held on July 26, 2011