



BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Hildreth House

Thomas Philippou, Chair

Lorin Johnson

Sharon McCarthy

Board members present: Tom Philippou; Lorin Johnson; and Sharon McCarthy

Also present: Ken Gikas, Region 2 PHEP; Wendell Willard, Still River Road; Pam Marston, Madigan Lane; Julia Radford, Prospect Hill Road; Candy Frazer, Bolton Road; Deborah Skauen-Hinchliffe, Still River Road; Vera Larkin, Eldridge Road; Matt Bombaci, GPR; Sydney Blackwell, Harvard Press; M.E. Jones, Harvard Hillside; Ira Grossman, RS, NABOH and Paige O'Brien, clerk.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion: Emergency Preparedness

Ken Gikas, program planner of MA Region 2, Public Health Emergency Management, presented a hard copy of the emergency plan and Region 2 updates. He encouraged the Board to view SNS, EDS PowerPoint presentations and the PIC video; complete sign-in sheets and send it back to him. New trailers were added in Pepperell and Medway. In the spring, the Board will work with Mr. Gikas to organize a testing of radio transmitters and invite local emergency officers as well as the Board of Selectmen.

Discussion: Pine Hill

Mr. Grossman updated The Board. The Board recognizes this project may potentially be the first to trigger the new fee schedule and they need to consider what kind of consultant should be used. Mr. Grossman recommended a hydrologist, to concentrate on the groundwater.

Review: 70 Eldridge Road, Larkin

Matt Bombaci, from GPR, stated that they have designed a pressure distribution bed to replace the existing failing system. On behalf of the property owner, they are requesting a waiver for an offset for a septic line. Following clarification and discussion, Mr. Philippou made a motion to approve the local upgrade and the local waivers requested for a 50 foot offset from the well sewer line and for using a bed instead of trenches. Mr. Johnson seconds; vote aye, unanimous. Mr. Philippou requested that water tests be submitted at 6 and 12 months after the work is done.

Discussion: Stable Permit Warrant Draft

Because she is a farm owner, Ms. McCarthy recused herself from the discussion. Two members (Wendell Willard and Candy Frazer) of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AgCom) were present for discussion. The Board is hoping to draft an article to be considered at town meeting. Mr. Philippou stated that the Board would like to implement a \$25 initial fee with a recurring annual \$5 fee for the stable permit. Anyone who currently has a stable permit would be “grandfathered in” and not have to pay the preliminary charge.

Ms. Frazer offered that the AgCom is in the process of creating a website that lists the area stables as well as their specialty. She inquired about the purpose of the fee and Mr. Philippou responded that it would cover the administrative costs associated with reviewing the application and filing the permit.

Mr. Willard challenged the Board to relate specific historical incidences in town that in turn create the need for these new regulations. Mr. Grossman cited a case of manure mismanagement and another that compromised the safety of horses, but he also commended AgCom for their participation and ability to rectify the situation.

AgCom will be meeting the following evening and Mr. Willard stated that perhaps some of the horse owners on the committee may be interested in developing “common sense guidelines”.

Update: SDS Grant Warrant

Mr. Grossman informed the Board that Jim Starbard of RCAP Solutions, a program resource specialist, is available (through a grant) to help with the framework, preparation and filing of the paperwork. Ms. O'Brien will invite Mr. Starbard to the next meeting, Feb. 12.

Ms. O'Brien will submit the warrant article to Mr. Bragan.

Permits

- 211 Still River Road, Still River, Local Upgrade; Approved

Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2013

Ms. McCarthy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Mr. Philippou seconds; vote aye, unanimous.

Other Business

- Ms. McCarthy requested that the Board continue to work on the Mission Statement. Mr. Philippou will send his draft to Ms. McCarthy.
- Update – Mr. Philippou submitted the annual report to town administration.
- Update - Ms. O'Brien submitted a monetary warrant article for a “previous year bill”.

Adjournment

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15, motion seconded by Mr. Johnson. Vote: aye, unanimous.

**The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 2013
7 p.m. at Hildreth House.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by Paige O'Brien.