



BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Hildreth House

Thomas Philippou, Chair Lorin Johnson Sharon McCarthy

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Philippou. Board members Lorin Johnson and Sharon McCarthy were also in attendance. Also present were Robert McGinty, 11 Fairbank Street; Rhonda Sprague, Harvard Realty; Keith Cheveralls, Chair, School Committee; Dr. Joseph Connelly, HPS Interim Superintendent; Sydney Blackwell, Harvard Press; M.E. Jones, Harvard Hillside; Ira Grossman, RS, NABOH and Paige O'Brien, clerk.

Discussion: Title 5 Waiver, 11 Fairbank Street

The property owners submitted a notarized disclaimer to waive Title 5 inspection of the onsite sewage disposal system. One of the owners, Bob McGinty, was present and stated that they were following protocol even though the process might be moot due to their impending hook-up to the town sewer that may possibly take place by the week's end. Mr. Grossman cited several concerns he has regarding the system that is in overt failure and therefore could not recommend to the Board that they approve this waiver. Mr. Philippou explained to Mr. McGinty that in situations where there is a condo association, specific responsibilities for maintaining the septic system need to be written into the bylaws. Customarily, the Board requires some sort of escrow funding to address an emergency problem should one arise. The Board offered to Mr. McGinty that, in the event of an unsuccessful hook-up, he should notify the office and an emergency meeting will be put in place for next Tuesday. At that time, the BOH will specify to Mr. McGinty what documentation he needs to have prior to this meeting.

Discussion: School Committee RE: K-wing

School Committee Chair Keith Cheveralls gave an update regarding the MOU from the summer of 2005 and the Committee's thoughts relating to plans for the kindergarten wing of HES. The Committee has been considering commissioning a building structural assessment for which they have requested \$20,000 through the town's CPIC in FY15. Dr. Connelly stated that they are looking for direction from the BOH to help determine what the best course of action is to evaluate this wing. Mr. Cheveralls also noted that declining enrollment makes gutting this part of the elementary school a hard sell. Dr. Connelly remarked that the ongoing air quality tests continue to be excellent and do not present a health hazard as it now exists. Mr. Philippou advocated that the assessment and upgrades be done during the summer months when the building is not occupied and testing be done prior to the start of the school year. Ms. McCarthy recommended including in the RFP the condition of having a subcontractor who is an expert in mold identification and remediation. Mr. Cheveralls stated that he would like to engage the BOH on an advisory capacity to make sure the School Committee is asking the right questions.

Mr. Philippou responded that the BOH would be “agreeable to this and would encourage and foster anything they could do to see that happen.”

Update: Warrant for Community Septic Management Grant

Ms. McCarthy presented to the Board a rough draft of what will be submitted to Atty. Lanza for suitable language.

Update: Town Report

Deadline is Friday, January 18. Mr. Philippou will incorporate the number of approved permits for 2012, as supplied by Ms. O'Brien, and submit the report.

Permits

- 25 Warren Avenue, Upgrade; New well required; Approved
- 14 Park Street, drain removal, Mr. Philippou made a motion to approve local upgrades, Plan L11972, dated 12/17/2012; seconded by Ms. McCarthy, vote aye, unanimous

Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2012

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

Other Business

- Update: 143 Stow Road – the Board will no longer need to proceed with condemnation because the electricity is on in this home.
- Ken Gikus, Program Planner, Region 2, Public Health Emergency Management Preparedness Coalition has requested face time with the Board for a brief review and update. Ms. O'Brien will extend an invitation for him to come to our next meeting, January 22.
- Ms. O'Brien will place a flu alert write-up on the BOH website and request a cable TV banner.

Adjournment

Mr. Philippou made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:05, motion seconded by Ms. McCarthy. Vote: aye, unanimous.

**The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, January 22, 2013
7 p.m. at Hildreth House.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by Paige O'Brien.