



## BOARD OF HEALTH

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### MINUTES

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Tuesday, April 23, 2013  
Hildreth House

*Thomas Philippou, Chair*      *Lorin Johnson*      *Sharon McCarthy*

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*Board members present:* Tom Philippou; Lorin Johnson

*Also present:* Don Martin, 228 Stow Road; Dick Dolan, ABC Cesspool & Co.; Ira Grossman, NAHB; and Paige O'Brien, Clerk

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

#### **Discussion: 228 Stow Road, Plan # 479-PL-2**

The plan, as submitted, does not comply with a strict interpretation of State Title 5 Regulations. Representative for the property stated reasons for using plastic septic chambers (Cultec) instead of trenches (reduced footprint of system; fewer disturbances to the trees; significant cost difference). Mr. Grossman explained that the regulations of MA DEP have firm language stressing that trenches should be used whenever possible. Plans were revised to include a traditional system. Mr. Philippou would be more inclined to allow for the system if the current property owner was staying instead of preparing for sale of his home. The advantage of a traditional system, explains Mr. Grossman, is that the stone has surface area for bacteria growth as does a Presby system which the Board suggested the owner consider. The chambers use sand only. The Board would like to take some time to research the Cultec system. Mr. Grossman agreed to have both versions (traditional and chambers) available at the next meeting.

#### **Discussion: CSMP Preparation**

The next steps to the implementation of the loan are to define objectives for submittal to the DEP. Ms. McCarthy requested Liz Allard, the town conservation agent, to generate a GIS map of wetlands and bodies of water. The Board brainstormed possible definers and will finalize the list at the next meeting.

#### **Permits**

- No permits submitted for review

#### **Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2013**

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

#### **Other Business**

- Ms. O'Brien reported that Ken Gikas, Program Planner - Mass. Region 2, is available to set up an AM Radio testing orientation. Mr. Gikas specified that the unit will take about 20 minutes to set up. A center

location is ideal. Typically there are 3 - 4 cars needed to go to separate sections of the town to check out reception. Mr. Gikas encourages the Board to invite representatives from Fire; Police; EMD and town officials. The entire process should take approximately 1 ½ hours.

- Ms. O'Brien reported that, to date, there are four properties legitimately connected to the Town Sewer.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Philippou made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm, motion seconded by Mr. Johnson. Vote: aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2013  
7 p.m. at Hildreth House.

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Paige O'Brien.*