



BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 9, 2013
Hildreth House

Thomas Philippou, Chair Lorin Johnson Sharon McCarthy

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

Also present: JP Connolly, GPR; Ken Gikas, Program Planner for MA Region 2 Public Health Emergency Management Preparation Coalition; Ira Grossman, NAHB; and Paige O'Brien, Clerk

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

Hearing: Title 5 Variance Request – 231 Ayer Road

JP Connolly, engineer for GPR, requested a Title 5 variance on behalf of Jill Realty Trust for the 1000 gallon dosing chamber of their building at 231 Ayer Road. Mr. Connolly states that the property owners are upsizing the primary and secondary septic tanks (combined, they will contain 3 days of water), meeting the design flow of Title 5. Mr. Connolly also affirms that the soil absorption area exceeds the design flow of Title 5. Currently the dosing chamber can provide over 3 days of emergency storage based on the current usage of the building inhabitants. No back-up power precludes exceeding capacity during a power outage – addressing one of the Board's concerns. Mr. Philippou made a motion to accept the variance; Mr. Johnson seconds; vote, aye unanimous.

Discussion: Satellite Phone Demo

The office of the MA Public Health Emergency Management Preparation Coalition furnished a satellite phone to the HBOH. Ken Gikas, Region 2 Program Planner, presented to the Board an information session and demonstration. The phone has an option of being docked at the town's emergency operations center. Ms. O'Brien will contact Chief Sicard, Harvard's emergency management director, to begin the installation process.

Update: Sewer Connection of Required Properties

Ms. O'Brien reports that second notification letters have been sent to the property owners of 7 Still River and 12 Oak Hill Road. Both residential properties have I/A systems and are required to connect to the Town District Sewer. Ms. O'Brien will follow-up with the property owners to find out reasons for their delay.

CSMP Preparation

Ms. McCarthy reports that the paperwork has been sent to the MA Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

Radon Policy

Mr. Philippou presented a draft of a formal policy for the Board and Mr. Grossman to review. He will send an electronic copy out for further edits. Final draft approval will take place at next board meeting.

Permits

- 322 Still River Road, Hanlon; SCR; septic tank; approved

Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2013

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

Other Business

- A resident inquired about mosquito spraying; Ms. O'Brien will invite him to the next Board meeting.

Adjournment

Ms. McCarthy moved to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m., motion seconded by Mr. Philippou. Vote: aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, July 23, 2013
7 p.m. at Hildreth House.

Documents cited:

- Title 5 Variance Request letter from JP Connolly, GPR

Minutes prepared and submitted by Paige O'Brien.