



BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 23, 2013
Hildreth House

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

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

Also present: Lori & Jeff Granville, Harvard; Chris Squire, Harvard; Gregory Wheeler, Esq., Leominster; Benjamin Hill, 29 Shaker Rd.; Julia Kacmarek, Harvard Hillside; Ira Grossman, NAHB; Paige O'Brien, Clerk

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

Discussion re: Failed SDS – 52 Mass Ave

The new property owners are seeking to update the existing structure, repair the failed septic system, and bring it up to code. Approximate quotes for the work are considered excessive by the homeowners and they would like the Board to consider other options, e.g., composting toilet; tank size reduction; groundwater reduced to 2'; deed restriction for 2 BR. The Board suggested that an IA system might best address their needs and concerns and displayed a willingness to consider some options available to them.

Request for Extension to Connect to Town Sewer – 12 Oak Hill Road, Squire

This property is in the sewer district and has an innovative/alternative system and therefore required to connect. Property owner Chris Squire requested additional time to explore the CSMP benefits which had not yet been finalized. Mr. Philippou moved to grant Mr. Squire a 120-day extension; Mr. Johnson seconded.

Discussion - 29 Shaker Road, Contractor/Installer Dispute

Mr. Philippou reported to the Board that several contacts were made to Town Counsel but that approval for reimbursing Town Counsel was still pending, thus causing the delay. A hearing is tentatively scheduled for the next meeting. In addition, Mr. Hill, the property owner, asked that the Board consider allowing the use of a tight tank to accommodate the new potential owners. The Board affirmed that that would also be an inquiry directed to town counsel.

Community Septic Management Program

The Board received word that town participation was approved by MA Water Pollution Abatement Trust. Program liaison, Jim Starbard of RCap, informed that the paperwork that needs to be reviewed and signed will be sent to the BOH office. Mr. Starbard will also electronically send templates and samples of necessary documents for the Board to edit and conform to the town's needs.

Arbovirus Update

The Board will draft a warrant article seeking town approval for participation in the Central MA Mosquito Control Program. Mr. Philippou stated that publicity for program education will need to begin soon.

Radon Policy Draft Review

Mr. Philippou made a motion to adopt the Radon Policy, Mr. Johnson seconds; vote, aye, unanimous

Permits

- 25 Depot Road, Smeadly; New; Approved
- Trail Ridge Drive, 13A, SCR sewerline; Approved
- Trail Ridge Drive, 13B, SCR sewerline; Approved
- Trail Ridge Drive, 13C, SCR sewerline; Approved
- Trail Ridge Drive, 13D, SCR sewerline; Approved

Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2013

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

Adjournment

Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m., motion seconded by Ms. McCarthy. Vote: aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, September 10, 2013
7 p.m. at Hildreth House.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Paige O'Brien.

Documents cited:

- Property owner notes from 52 Mass Ave
- Radon Policy