



BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014
Hildreth House

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

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

Also present: Cliff Tomassian, 50 Turner Lane; Roy Pastor, Esq.; Tim Deschamps, CMMCP; Jan + Ralph Goodell, Hillcrest Drive; Ellen Sachs Leicher, Warren Ave.; Chris Durham and Andrea Juchartz, Stow Road; Mark Hastings, Warren Ave.; Tim Clark, Bolton Road; Joan Eliyesal, The Harvard Press; Ameila Pak-Harvey, Harvard Hillside; Ira Grossman, NABH; Paige O'Brien, Clerk

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

Discussion – Seasonal Status; 50 Turner Lane

Property owner Cliff Tomassian has had an initial conversation with building inspector Gabe Vellante about converting his home to a year-round residence. Mr. Tomassian mentioned that he had installed a furnace recently which is consistent with the seasonal conversion requirement in Chapter 125, Protective Bylaw. Water testing has been scheduled. Pending the results from this test, Mr. Philippou made a motion to tentatively approve the tight tank approval from seasonal to full year round use. Mr. Johnson seconds the motion; vote aye, unanimous. The Board requests an update from Mr. Tomassian by April 25, 2014.

Update – Community Septic Management Program

Ms. O'Brien reported that the four property owners who have submitted applications have not met all the requirements necessary to be reviewed by the Board. Ms. O'Brien will check in with each applicant individually. Ms. O'Brien will have a draft of the Betterment Agreement available for review at the next meeting.

Discussion – Tick Remover Tool Purchase

Ms. O'Brien noted that there is enough money in the Supplies account to afford a 500-piece order of customized tick remover tools to have available to hand out at Annual Town Hall. The Board supports this purchase.

Permits

- No permits to review

Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2014

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

Vector-borne Illness Public Discussion - Mosquito Control

Mr. Tim Deschamps, executive director of the Central Mass Mosquito Control Project, spoke about the program and handled questions from concerned citizens. Residents questioned the Board about risk

assessments and mosquito species identification in Harvard. Emphasis was placed on the fact that spraying is only one component of a multi-component program.

Some ideas from residence include:

- Drafting a warrant that pays for independent surveillance.
- Allocating funds to purchase mosquito magnets to be strategically placed on town property and to provide rebates to home owners for purchases of magnets in order to leverage funds available for the largest impact in reducing the population over time.
- Taking measures to educate the community about ways to take precautions and do individual source control, e.g., clean out still water.

Some residents believe that tick-borne illnesses have a far greater community impact and feel the Board should invest efforts and money into tick control.

Adjournment

Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Johnson. Vote: aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2014
7 p.m. at Hildreth House.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Paige O'Brien.

Documents cited:

Residents' statements and communications regarding mosquito control