

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 Hildreth House

Thomas Philippou, Chair Lorin Johnson Sharon McCarthy

Board Members present: Lorin Johnson; Sharon McCarthy; Thomas Philippou

Also present: Nick Pauling, David E. Ross Associates; Alan Edwards, Stow Road; Nick Eric & Kristen O'Brien, Still River Road; Ira Grossman, NABH; Paige O'Brien, Clerk

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

Discussion – 332 Stow Road, Edwards

Location for new SDS

Nick Pauling, the engineer presenting new SDS plans, came before the Board to get their approval to dig out the existing system and locate the new system on a different site. Because of the subsequent exposure to contaminated soil and the point that, if dug up, the system will not be workable again, Mr. Grossman was not endorsing the plans. Provided that suitable protocol and operating procedures are observed, Ms. McCarthy made a motion to accept plans as presented. Mr. Johnson seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

Discussion - 7 Still River Road, O'Brien

Non-compliance; town sewer connection

The homeowners did not bring in the requested effluent testing data and noted that it is unaffordable to test to the extent that the Board is insisting. The Board voted, aye 2, and nay 1, to allow two options: connect to the system by November 1; or work with the Board to provide regular effluent testing. The homeowners did not vocalize a response to these options, so the required connection will be mandated.

Community Septic Management Program

Application received from 13 Whitman Road, Jonathan and Judith Williams. Ms. O'Brien noted that the current process for accessing the loan money is about to change but the state treasurer's office agreed to accept one more if requested within the week. Only bids for engineering work were available, so Mr. Philippou made a motion to earmark \$80,000 for a new SDS pending actual figures. Ms. McCarthy seconds; aye, unanimous.

Permits

- > 121 Old Littleton Road; Harvard Conservation Trust New (increase in flow); approved
- > 321 Old Littleton Road; Greg Schnipke SCR, tank; approved
- > 20 Myrick Lane; Senton SCR, tank; approved
- > 186 Bolton Road, Lot 2 The Homescout transfer; approved

Approve Minutes of October 14, 2014

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

Update – 197 Old Littleton Road

Mr. Grossman reported that the bank/property owner (The Huntington National Bank) has not fully complied with the Worcester District judge's order from September to address health and safety issues and has since accrued over \$20,000 in fines. Town counselor Lanza will serve Huntington National Bank with appropriate paperwork to recover these charges.

New Business

Mr. Grossman presented a plan for a new system design plan on a lot on Poor Farm Road that doesn't meet zoning bylaws (the component travels through wetlands and the buffer zone) but does meet Board of Health regulations. Because of these special conditions, Mr. Grossman will inform the applicant of the obligation to contact the zoning enforcement officer.

Adjournment

Ms. McCarthy moved to adjourn meeting at 8:23 p.m. Mr. Johnson seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, November 18, 2014 7 p.m. at Hildreth House.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Paige O'Brien.