

**Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 12, 2016**  
**Hildreth House**

*Board Members present:* Lorin Johnson, Sharon McCarthy; Thomas Philippou, Chairman

*Also present:* Trevor Smedley, Jane Parker, Wade Holtzman, Margot Holtzman, Richard Doherty (ECR, Inc.), Neil Gorman (David E. Ross Associates), Michelle & Dan Laflamme (New Leaf Construction), Ira Grossman (NABH), Vicki Bilafer (Clerk)

*Mr. Philippou called this meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.*

**Discussion (continued) – 25 Depot Road (geothermal installation)**

Trevor Smedley, homeowner, gave a summary of what has changed and additional information gathered. Gave a history of the different wells drilled on the property. Neighboring wells have also been monitored and the only one showing contamination is the old Jarrett well. There is a new Jarrett well that has been there for 1-1 ½ years showing no contamination. Besides solvent, there was an underground fuel tank leak. On a map, Mr. Smedley showed the wells with the respective levels of contamination, if present.

They are relocating the proposed bore holes for the geothermal system. The new location is now 400 feet from any known contamination area on the northern part of the lot near their drinking well. The contamination seems to be going south.

Mr. Johnson asked if there would be an alarm on the system. Mr. Smedley said there would be.

Mr. Grossman felt that with the new location the risk is now lowered.

Mr. Philippou made a motion to approve the geothermal bore holes with stipulations of the monitoring. Mr. Johnson seconded; voted, aye, unanimous.

**Discussion (continued) – 104 Bolton Road; Still River Winery**

Margot Holtzman sent a response to the Board's question from the last meeting. Mr. Grossman is concerned about the septic system the further down the road if the commercial operation increases because it is an older system with a 1,000 gallon septic tank, the system was not approved for commercial operation and discharge from the bottle washing/sanitation is not an approved use. Mr. Grossman recommends a Title V inspection and a small industrial waste holding tank to capture the wastewater from the cleaning agents and removed by pumping company if the operation is continued as is.

Ms. Holtzman said they have no intention on growing their business at their current location.

Mr. Philippou asked Mr. and Mrs. Holtzman if they would be amendable to a deed restriction for up to 2 times the current amount of business. If that is exceeded then they would need to appear before the Board. The Board can remove the deed restriction when the business is ceased.

**Discussion – 101 West Bare Hill Road**

Mr. Grossman asked New Leaf Construction to come in to discuss the renovation at 101 West Bare Hill Road. After the renovation, the new room count is 7 and within the approved septic capacity, therefore the Board had no concerns.

## **Old Business**

- Reviewed VDCI Tick Proposal – Mr. Philippou suggested getting on the agenda for Town Meeting for 5 minute presentation to present the tick proposal and to educate the public about ticks.
- Update on abandoned house at 275 Ayer Road – Mr. Grossman spoke with Gabe Vellante who said he has no issues as long as the house is secured. Mr. Grossman and the Board agreed to have the owner appear before the Board at a future meeting.
- 105 Stow Road (Choice) – Changes were made per Mr. Grossman's request. Mr. Grossman is happy with the revisions.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. McCarthy moved to accept the minutes of December 8, 2015, as amended. Mr. Philippou seconded; voted, aye, unanimous.

## **Permits**

- 63 South Shaker Road, Famighette – SCR, D-box, approved
- 295 Littleton County Road, Chandler – SCR, D-box, approved
- 318 Stow Road, Wilion – SCR, D-box, approved
- 44 Eldridge Road, Beddoe – SCR, D-box, approved
- 97 Pinnacle Road, Lot 4-A, Vachula – Upgrade, approved
- 81 Whitney Road, Taylor – LUA; Mr. Philippou made a motion to accept the following variance requests, due to the severe limitations of the lot, pertaining to Plan L-12755 by David E. Ross Associates; Ms. McCarthy seconded; voted, aye, unanimous.

### **Variance to Harvard Board of Health Regulations:**

- 145-3.A
- 145-3.B
- 145-26

## **New Business**

- Harvard Cider Company – Mr. Grossman said this business popped up with no permits at the Apple Works building. Mr. Grossman met with business owner and confirmed that they will separate out the wastewater. There are currently only 3 employees.
- 50 Old Littleton Road – Mr. Grossman said it appears the homeowners are renting out shed on Air bnb. The shed has plumbing but there is no approval to tie it into the septic system.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Ms. McCarthy seconded; voted, aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, January 22, 2016.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Bilafer, Clerk*