



Town Of Newbury

Office of
Board of Health
25 High Road
Newbury, Mass. 01951

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
December 11, 2012

Chair Steve Fram opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were Elaine Byrne, Alba Gouldthorpe, Health Agent Deborah Rogers, and Health Inspector Virginia Bacon.

Elaine Byrne moved to delay reading the November 13, 2012 minutes, until the next Board of Health meeting, seconded by Alba Gouldthorpe and voted unanimously.

88 GREEN STREET – Greg Hochmuth from Hancock Engineering, represented the property at 88 Green Street. The board had approved the proposed septic system at the last board meeting on November 13, 2012. It was brought to our attention that there is also a yoga studio in the barn located at 88 Green Street. Therefore, the Owners were asked to explain to the Board the usage of their barn and if there would be any additional impact on the new proposed septic system. According to the homeowners they rent the barn to a Yoga Instructor for an hour and a half per day and there is no plumbing in the building. Very rarely a Yoga Student has knocked on the Owners home to use their bathroom facilities. Steve Fram asked the Homeowners to check with the Building Inspector and Fire Department to make sure the building is up to code for a yoga studio. Due to the fact there is no plumbing in the barn and it is only an hour and a half a day yoga class, the Board determined the proposed 4 bedroom septic design that was approved at the last Board of Health meeting will not require any changes.

156 ELM STREET – Bob Grasso represented the homeowners for the property located at 156 Elm Street and requested the following variance: Reduction in groundwater separation to soil absorption system from 5' required to 4' provided. It was moved by Elaine Byrne to accept the variance as presented, seconded by Alba Gouldthorpe and voted unanimously.

G.MELLO Disposal – Jason Mello, Town Administrator Tracy Blais, and Town Clerk Leslie Haley attended the meeting to discuss the operation of the Transfer Station. Jason Mello submitted a proposal to the Board regarding partnership with the Town of Newbury in the operation of the Transfer Station. The Town Administrator explained to the Board that many Newbury Residents would benefit

from this proposal by allowing each household to pay per bag rather than an annual sticker fee. In addition, the Town would save money by receiving 50% profit of all proceeds rather than an expense of running the Transfer Station. The Town Administrator stated that due to the shortage in adequate funding for necessary town expenditures, **she would have difficulty putting it into the budget. She also stated, the Finance Committee is not likely to approve the Transfer Station budget for the coming fiscal year.** The Town Clerk stated the sales of the Transfer Station stickers and the numerous complaints are a burden to the Town Clerk's office. Mello Disposal would be responsible for all the costs associated with the transfer station, including the two current transfer station employees. The Board members discussed the short notice it would be for the Newbury residents if this was to come into effect by January 1, 2013. After a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of the date of implementation, the Board determined that now would be the easiest transition before the transfer station stickers go on sale after January 1, 2013.

The Board will meet on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 9:00 am to review and sign the final contract between G. Mello Disposal's and the Town of Newbury's Partnership Contract. That meeting is to be posted as a public meeting. It was moved by Alba Gouldthorpe to accept G. Mello Disposal's proposal for managing of the Newbury Transfer Station in partnership with the Town of Newbury, seconded by Elaine Byrne and voted unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be on January 15, 2013

Respectively submitted,
Virginia Bacon
Deborah Rogers