

Town of Northborough

Board of Health

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Members Present: Glenn French

Deirdre O'Connor

Dilip Jain

Jamie Terry, Board of Health Agent

The Board of Health met on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, in Conference Room B of the Northborough Town offices. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Glenn French.

Mr. Michael Sullivan of Connorstone Engineering along with his clients Vincent & Mary Mattock of 61 Maple appeared before the Board regarding the proposed construction at 65 Maple Lane. Ms. Terry informed the Board that this particular lot is considered a repair and not new construction as there was a structure on the lot back in 1995 when purchased by the Mattocks. Currently, the Mattocks would be allowed to re-build a one (1) bedroom house on the lot as they would be replacing what existed when they purchased the property.

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that the Mattocks would ideally like to build a three (3) bedroom house and they are here today to have an informal discussion regarding the matter. Mr. Sullivan explained that no real hard engineering has been done as of yet because of the limitations of the existing lot. Mr. Sullivan explained that due to the topography of the lot and certain hardships the Mattocks would most likely be seeking a variance from Local Board of Health Well Regulations & Local Board of Health Septic & Title V Rules & Regulations.

Ms. Terry proposed that the Board consider changing the local septic regulations as we currently require 25' offset to all property lines for new construction, perhaps reducing the offset to the 10' setback that is required on all repairs. The Board did not express any interest in changing the current regulations at this time. Ms. Terry stated that she has some concern over the Board varying regulations when it comes to new construction and any decisions made with regards to new construction will set precedent.

The Board decided to continue evaluating properties on a case by case basis and they would like to see more fact specific information pertaining to the variances that the Mattocks would be requesting.

Ms. Terry provided the Board with an update on mosquitoes. On Friday, September 07, 2012, the State Department of Public Health elevated the mosquito-borne illness risk

level to high due to our close proximity to Westborough. On Monday, September 10, 2012 Town and school officials followed State recommendation to curtail all outdoor evening activities after 6PM, this includes Applefest activities such as the outdoor BBQ & fireworks display.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2012 & June 6, 2012 as read, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to approve the minutes from July 10, 2012, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion with Dilip Jain abstaining due to absence from the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jean