



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Board of Health met on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of the Northborough Town Offices. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Chairman Glenn French.

6:15PM -18 Birch Hill Road

Edward Newbould of 18 Birch Hill Road appeared before the Board tonight to discuss outdoor wood boilers. Mr. Newbould has concern over the moratorium that is currently in place as there have been many changes to the units over the years. Mr. Newbould informed the Board that he would like to see the moratorium lifted so he can install an outdoor wood boiler on his property. Mr. Newbould explained to the Board how he sees this a cost effective measure and a safer option for his family.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the Birch Hill Road neighborhood and noted the density of the neighborhood. Ms. Terry indicated to the Board that she anticipates that Mr. Newbould will have difficulty meeting the state regulations as he has a relatively narrow lot.

Mr. Newbould and the Board discussed the state regulations that are currently in place. Mr. Newbould inquired as to if the Board would be interested in lifting the moratorium for him if he was 1) able to meet the state regulations, or 2) have the state alter the regulations so they were to pertain to the newer, cleaner outdoor wood boilers.

The Board indicated that they would always be willing to consider lifting the moratorium if they were ever presented with new information. However, that would not eliminate the concern on the effect that these units will have on the abutters.

Ms. Terry suggested that Mr. Newbould contact Michelle Delmarre at the Department of Public Health to see if they would be interested in the new documentation that he has, see if they would consider altering the relatively new regulations that they currently have in place.

The Board discussed the OWB on Pleasant Street and Ms. Terry indicated that she hasn't received any complaints on this particular unit since the changes/upgrades have been made.

6:30PM - 81 Maple Lane

Michael Sullivan of Connorstone Engineering, Yao Zhang and Thaddeus Szkoda appeared before the Board tonight to discuss the property located at 81 Maple Lane.

Ms. Terry informed the Board that recently this property was sold as a three bedroom home, however after witnessing soil testing on the property & reviewing the assessors records there is no consistent information indicating that this has consistently been a three bedroom dwelling. Ms. Terry and the Board discussed an abatement that was filed by the previous homeowner in 2004 indicating that the home was in fact a one bedroom. Ms. Terry stated that based on the size and location of the lot it is in a nitrogen sensitive location. Ms. Terry suggests that they explore digging up the existing system to evaluate the stone and see what it is appropriately sized for.

Mr. Szkoda provided the Board additional information on 69 Maple Lane, currently a three bedroom home however there is a 2 bedroom deed restriction recorded at the Worcester Registry of Deeds. Mr. Szkoda also informed the Board that he spoke with Mr. Stone and inquired as to what his past practices were. Mr. Stone indicated to him that he was directed by Norman Spears at the time, and his prescriptive standard was to dig a square hole with the excavator and install a round structure with approximately 2 feet of stone. Mr. Szkoda indicated that he back engineered that information and it is his feeling that it is pretty close to 330 gallons per day (3 bedroom).

Mr. Sullivan agrees with Ms. Terry that there is not a clear understanding of what currently exists on this property. Realizing this and seeing how the system needs to be replaced anyways he feels as though it is appropriate to see if they can take this opportunity to figure out what is exactly out there.

Michael Sullivan and the Board discussed the possibility of designing a three bedroom system with a de-nitrification system that would be more protective than what currently exists, however they would need to seek variances from local regulations.

The Board agreed that the current homeowner is in a difficult situation and what they are proposing sounds like a reasonable request in order to find out all of the facts. Ms. Terry would like to witness this site assessment which was tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2014, weather permitting. Once the depth/diameter certification is completed Mr. Sullivan will forward it to the office for our records.

7:00PM - 200 West Main Street

Mark Farrell of Green Hill Engineering did not appear before the Board tonight regarding 200 West Main Street. Ms. Terry informed the Board that the current septic system is in failure and needs to be replaced and they are seeking a variance from

Local BOH Regulations; offset to foundation (20' required, 12' provided). Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the property and how this will be more protective than what currently exists. Chairman Glenn French made a motion to approve the variance request, offset to foundation (20' required, 12' provided), Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the most recent food inspections that have been completed. Ms. Terry expressed some concern over the Chef Next Door located within Gentile's Bakery at 41 Lawrence Street shipping food to destinations with no real means to verify that it would hold temperature. Ms. Terry indicated that she would check with the State to see how she should proceed. No other outstanding issues were reported at this time.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to approve the December 10, 2013 minutes as read, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 6PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jean