



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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Deirdre O'Connor

Dilip Jain

Jamie Terry

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, in Activity Room 1 of the Northborough Senior Center located at 119 Bearfoot Road Northborough, MA. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Glenn French.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to approve the March 11, 2014 meeting minutes as read, Dilip Jain seconded with Deirdre O'Connor abstaining due to absence.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to approve the January 14, 2014 meeting minutes as read, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion with Dilip Jain abstaining due to absence.

6:05 PM 314 Church Street

Mark Farrell of Green Hill Engineering did not appear before the Board tonight regarding 314 Church Street. Ms. Terry informed the Board that the current septic system is in failure and in need of repair and they are seeking a variance from Local BOH regulations; offset to wetlands (100' required, 90' provided). Ms. Terry and the Board reviewed the proposed septic plan that has been submitted to the office for review and discussed how this is the most protective placement. Chairman Glenn French made a motion to allow the variance requested pending approval from the Conservation Commission, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

6:15 PM 81 Maple Lane

Due to the variances being requested at tonight's meeting Ms. Terry asked that it be noted that certified mail / domestic return receipts were sent to G. Gustafson at 73 Maple Lane, Mr. Berglund at 70 Maple Lane, and Mr. & Mrs. Ryan at 77 Maple Lane.

Michael Sullivan of Connorstone Engineering appeared before the Board tonight regarding 81 Maple Lane. Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, he along with Ms. Terry and Northboro Septic evaluated the existing septic system on this particular lot. Mr. Sullivan indicated that based on the March 25, 2014 evaluation it is his determination that the existing system servicing the property was large enough to accommodate a three (3) bedroom dwelling. Based on this determination Mr. Sullivan explained that the proposed system has been designed to satisfy the hydraulic loading associated with a three (3) bedroom dwelling. Mr. Sullivan advised the Board that they are seeking variances from Title V - Section 15.271 requires 100' separation between leach areas and wells. Currently the proposed plan shows 85' to the private well servicing #70 Maple Lane (Berglund) & 78.5' to the private well servicing #77 Maple Lane (Ryan). from Local BOH well regulations; offset to property line (35' required, 7' proposed), offset to surface water (pond) (100' required, 60' provided). Mr. Sullivan gave the Board an overview of the proposed plan and stated that this is really the only option for placement given the topography of the lot. Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that he has appeared before the Conservation Commission as well, the hearing has been closed and he is awaiting the order. Ms. Terry and the Board discussed how this placement is more protective to than what had previously existed on the lot. The Board discussed the placement of the new well and requested that it be moved 2' closer to the house making the offset to the property line 9' instead of the 7' that is being proposed.

Ms. Terry and the Board spoke with Bonnie Ryan, owner of the neighboring property at 77 Maple Lane, who had some concerns regarding the offsets to her property line and the offsets to her own private well. All concerns were addressed and the neighbor requested a copy of the proposed plan that was submitted to the Board.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to allow the variances requested; Separation between leach areas and neighboring wells (100' required, 85' provided to #70 Maple Lane & 78.5' to #77 Maple Lane), and offset to property line (35' required, 9' proposed), offset to surface water (pond) (100' required, 60' provided) Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

6:50 PM Tobacco 21 data/discussion

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed altering the legal age to purchase tobacco products in the Town of Northborough. Ms. Terry reports that Algonquin Regional High School Assistant Principal Mel Laughton has been unavailable due to sickness. Ms. Terry reported that she has met with the school nurse leader and has obtained data specific to the Northborough/Southborough Regional School System.

Ms. Sarah McColgan, Tobacco Control Director for the Massachusetts Health Officers Association appeared before the Board tonight to discuss raising the age from m18 to 21. Ms. McColgan would like to see the Board of Health raise the minimum sale age from 18 to 21 with comprehensive regulations. Comprehensive regulations would include banning the sale of all blunt wraps and all flavored tobacco products in the Town of Northborough, raising the price of single cigar items to \$2.50, or limiting the

number in a pack to four for at least \$5.00, capping the number of permits issued in a year, and creating a pharmacy ban.

Before deciding to make any changes to the local regulations the Board will consider the information that was provided to them tonight and address this issue in the fall.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 6PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jean