

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Tantasqua High School
June 3, 2013 6pm

Members present: Linda Cocalis, Daniel Chaput, and Richard Volpe. Health Agent Alyssa Rusiecki.

The meeting is called to order at 6:05pm

The Agent states that the office has been busy as usual, including perc testing, plan and well reviews, and pool plans, and pool inspecting. A question came in from a local septic system (Title 5) inspector, Russ LeBlanc, who wanted to know if the Board of Health would consider passing an existing septic system, (leaching facility) that was located only forty (40) feet from the property's own well. The Agent reviewed the language in the Code, 310 CMR 15.000 with the Board members. It is discussed that the intent is a minimum fifty (50). The Board agrees that a minimum distance of fifty feet shall and must be maintained to a leaching facility, or soil absorption system, otherwise the failure criteria shall be cited.

16 Tantasqua Shore Dr. - Mark Farrell, RS of Green Hill Engineering, submitted a revised plan for the Agent to review. Due to offsets to the well, the Board of Health must review and vote. The current revised application shows the well located sixty feet (60 ft.) from the leaching facility or soil absorption system. LC makes a motion that the property's own well be allowed to be installed sixty feet from the soil absorption system with the appropriate water testing; RV seconds. APPROVED (3 - 0).

55 New Boston Rd. - Richard Gobi, RS of Richard Gobi & Associates requests on behalf of owner Susan Lulu that an existing perc test be given an extension. LC makes a motion to extend the perc test for three years, DC seconds. APPROVED (3 - 0).

35 Breakneck Rd. – This property had a Title 5 inspection performed on a system that was upgraded within the past 9 years, however the test failed to due to high nitrates (> 5ppm) in the drinking water from the well, which is located 85 feet away from the leaching facility or soil absorption system. The owner told the Agent that he suspected that there may be some other environmental issue affecting the water, such as animal waste from the stream bed. The Agent told the owner to re-test and re-submit the results for review.

Concerns of the Members: Hylands Orchards enforcement & tenants: Ms. Cocalis states that enforcement of action against the tenants located at Hyland's Orchards may be unjust. Mr. Chaput states that Pioneer is only a tenant. Ms. Cocalis recommends that a 90-day extension of the temporary permit granted previously to Pioneer would be acceptable to her. The Board members agree that they do not wish to punish the tenants for non-compliance issues of the owner, Mr. Eugene Damon. Mr. Chaput asks about the DEP consent order, and Ms. Cocalis states that the DEP joined the Administrative Consent Orders, from both Pioneer Brewing and Hylands Orchards together; (Pioneer for Groundwater discharge violations; Hylands for Groundwater discharge, drinking water, and sub-surface sewage disposal violations). Mr. Volpe states that the Board of Health does not want to put a local company out of business. DC makes a motion to extend Pioneer Brewing's temporary food permit for another forty-five (45) days, RV seconds. APPROVED (3 - 0).

Minutes review: The draft minutes of April 22, 2013 are discussed. At the April 22nd meeting, the Board clarifies that there was no hearing scheduled regarding South Shore Drive, just a discussion point. Mr. Giguere was told to come back after the Board of Selectmen spoke to the Board of Health on another issue. Mr. Giguere did not come back for any discussion on April 22nd, 2013 and the minutes should reflect that.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent

