

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m., by Chairman, Al Holman. Also in attendance were; Member, Sherry Berger; Member, Richard Desjardins, and Adm. Clerk, Diane Tiernan.

**Motion one** – Sherry made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting, dated 2/23/12. Richard seconded the motion, and Al made the motion unanimous. Meeting minutes were approved.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

A septic repair permit for Thomas Sullivan, 98 Glenview Street, was reviewed.

**Motion two** – Richard made a motion to approve of the permit for 98 Glenview Street. Sherry seconded the motion and Al made it unanimous. Permit was approved.

A request for an extension of the septic design for 117 Hopkinton Road was reviewed.

**Motion three** - Richard made a motion to grant a one year extension of the permit. Sherry seconded the motion and Al made it unanimous. Permit was extended for one year.

Clerk stated she received the application for the appointment of the Animal Control Officer from the MA Dept. of Agriculture, Div of Animal Health.

**Motion four** – Richard made a motion to re-appoint Kate Hawkins as Animal Control Officer for another one year period. Sherry seconded the motion and Al made it unanimous.

Board discussed ordering BOH badges from the Police Station with pictures. These badges would be used to identify ourselves during inspections, events, etc. Board agreed they were a good idea and will visit the Police Station to obtain the badge.

Board discussed the recent inspection at the Upton rail yard between the EPA and OSHA. Al stated he had a conversation with Marty Suberg of DEP, who stated that there is some conflict on who has actual authority of the chemicals at the rail yard, whether it is the FRA or the EPA. The EPA has regulations on the storage of hazard chemicals, but not the transportation.

Richard stated OSHA found no violations on site.

Board discussed the rude behavior from Lenny Walsh, senior member of the EPA and agreed to send a letter, dictated to the clerk, to Congressman Richard Neal. Clerk will send the letter out in the morning.

Board discussed the owner of the G & U railroad, agreeing to create a housing for the pumps. Board is hopeful this will help to eliminate some of the noise coming from the pellet operation.

7:48 p.m., Chris Coutu of North Street arrived. Chris is looking to put an addition onto his garage and change his driveway. The new addition will cause him to be only 5 feet from his foundation to his well. The BOH regulations state he must have 20' from the well to foundation wall, but the state guidelines says he can be as close as 5'. When he spoke to the well company they stated they would require at least 3 feet to do any repair work.

Chris stated he was told by the realtor that there would be more of a return upon selling his home if he builds a 3 car garage instead of a 2. Al stated a 2 car garage would be a better fit; there would be more room between the foundation and the well. Richard stated the well can be hit by heavy equipment when you're putting in a foundation that close. Chris stated it would cost \$15,000 to decommission the existing well, and move it. Too cost prohibitive. Al stated he would feel better with a 2 car garage. Sherry stated he could extend the area between the foundation and the well by putting 2 cars in the front of the garage and one on the side, keeping it a three car garage but making it smaller in length.

**Motion five** - Richard made a motion to grant a variance from the BOH private well regulations, to allow a 10' offset from the well to foundation. Sherry seconded the motion, and Al made it unanimous. Motion was approved.

8:29 p.m., Chris thanked the Board and left.

A garbage and offal permit was signed for J.L. Darling.

Board discussed the upcoming hazardous waste day, to be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Clerk stated the town nurse would like to collect sharps from residents as well. Board agreed.

A Title 5 inspection for 144 Chestnut Street was discussed as it required further evaluation from the BOH.

**Motion six** - Richard made a motion to accept the title 5 report and well results based upon the supplied information. Sherry seconded the motion and Al made it unanimous.

8:55 p.m. , Richard made a motion to adjourn and Sherry seconded the motion. Al made the motion unanimous. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Tiernan, Adm. Clerk