

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m., by Chairman, Richard Desjardins. Also in attendance were; Member, Al Holman; Member, Richard Robinson, and Asst. Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan.

Housing Agent, Trish Parent was also present.

Motion One – Al made a motion to approve the minutes. Richard Robinson stated he had a correction to the minutes and advised Diane of the changes. Al made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Richard R. seconded the motion and Richard D., made the motion unanimous.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

A septic design for Rose Mango/David Anderson, Old Grafton Road Lot B was reviewed. At this time Richard D. recused himself from the discussion, and left the room. Al and Richard R. reviewed the plan. A variance was previously approved for the distance to the wetlands on this lot.

Motion two – Al made a motion to approve of the design and Richard R., seconded the motion. Plan was approved.

Richard D. returned to the meeting.

A noise complaint at High Acre Farms on Christian Hill was discussed. Diane stated she took the complaint from a neighbor who stated the noise is during the week as well as the weekend. Richard D. went to the location but no noise was heard to take a measurement of. He could only calculate an ambient reading. Richard R. asked if the owners, the Dicarlo's, are allowed to have a commercial operation in an agricultural zone. Richard D. stated yes, they are permitted by the state for the operation. Richard R. did not understand why the Board is taking on a neighborhood situation. Al explained to Richard R. that the Board of Health must respond to all of these types of complaints. We then have to determine if they are valid or not. The Board is responsible for enforcing the nuisance law.

A septic repair design for 83 Elm Street, Capistran was reviewed.

Motion three – Al made a motion to approve the repair design for 83 Elm Street. Richard R. seconded the motion and Richard D. made the motion unanimous.

A septic design for Lisa Bianculli, Orchard Street, lot 4, was reviewed.

Motion four – Al made a motion to approve of the design. Richard R. seconded the motion, and Richard D. made the motion unanimous. The design for Orchard Street, lot 4 was approved.

A septic design for Condry, North Street, Lot # 2, was reviewed.

Motion five - Al made a motion to approve of the design. Richard R. seconded the motion, and Richard D. made the motion unanimous. The design for North Street, lot 2 was approved.

7:38 p.m., Sam Nasralla, manager of Ideal Pizza arrived. Sam is looking to obtain a food permit for Ideal Pizza at 113 Main Street. He is purchasing the establishment from the former owner, so is required to update his permit. He will take full possession in July. The food inspector wants to see a new hand washing and mop sink installed. Sam stated the restaurant required so much cleaning and repairs, he has put every cent he has into the place. He understands what the food inspector requires, but is asking for some time to raise the money before he can come into full compliance with the sinks. Richard R. asked how much time he needs. Sam stated at least 6 months. Al stated that the previous owner was in violation more than once, to the point of closing the establishment. Sam is trying to save the place which may take some time. If we sign the permit tonight, it's for 6 months only. It's also revocable if Sam is not in compliance with all other regulations. Board discussed issuing a 6 month permit and Sam would be subject to an inspection every thirty days.

Motion six – Al made a motion to issue a food permit for six months to Ideal Pizza, with a conditional monthly inspection. Richard R. seconded the motion and Richard D. made the motion unanimous.

A title 5 inspection report for 4 Williams Street, Smith was reviewed. The report indicated further evaluation was required by the BOH, as the system was 85' to wetlands. Board reviewed the report.

Motion seven - Al made a motion to pass the title 5 report for 4 Williams Street. Richard R. seconded the motion and Richard D. made the motion unanimous.

A request for an extension of septic designs for Afonso, Lots 1R, 2R, and 3R, West River Street was reviewed. The plans were originally approved in September of 2008.

Motion eight - Richard R. made a motion to grant a 12 months extension for the permits. Al seconded and Richard D. made the motion unanimous. Extension was approved.

A repair permit for 153 North Street, former Sweet William Farm stand, was reviewed. The owner is removing the grease traps. Board did not want to sign the permit until after our agent; Lenny Izzo views the work that is being done. Al and Richard stated they wanted an as-built for the adjustments. Richard R. did not agree that one was needed if we already had one on file from the original system. They will not be changing the layout of the system, just removing the grease traps. Al and Richard disagreed and requested an as-built be submitted. Diane will notify the installer.

Trish reviewed a request for a variance from the housing code at 24 Hartford Avenue S. The apartment requires a ceiling height of 7', but the unit only has 6 ½' in some areas. The apartment is part of a duplex owned by Phyllis Wallen. Trish had a hearing with the owner several months ago following an inspection she made back in February. The situation is a hardship, as they are unable to modify the ceiling height. Richard D. agreed that the situation is a hardship. A variance will be required to be filed with her deed.

Motion nine – Richard R. made a motion to grant the variance to 24 Hartford Avenue S. for the ceiling height. Al seconded the motion and Richard D. made the motion unanimous. Variance was approved.

Trish also reviewed with the Board a complaint from Linda Larson at Coach Road apartments' regarding what Linda feels is mold in her unit. Back in February, Trish went to inspect the door at Linda's apartment because of a complaint of mold on her door. Trish stated it only took seconds to determine it was dirt. Linda has since had other people in her apartment to observe what she states is mold specifically in her living room and bedroom. She has been working with the housing authority and other professionals to remedy the problem, but has asked that Trish not return to her apartment. Linda is still copying Diane all her email correspondence that pertains to the issue. Board will keep everything on file.

Trish reviewed a housing complaint she has been working on for several months at 230 North Street. The original complaint was from the tenant due to a lack of hot water. That situation was resolved effectively, but the tenant recently asked Trish for a full inspection of the rental which Trish conducted. The inspection revealed numerous violations and a letter was sent out to the landlord. Unfortunately, it appears that there are issues within the family that owns the home, and the father did not give permission to the daughter to rent the house. The father is disturbed that he did not receive the letter as he states that he is the real owner. Trish explained to him that we went by Upton's tax records and sent the letter to that address. All parties involved now have a copy of the letter and are working with Trish to correct the numerous violations. Al stated we may have to use the registry of deeds from now on when sending out letters that pertain to housing complaints.

Mail was reviewed.

Town water report was reviewed.

Diane discussed a recent problem we are having with rabid wood chucks. Although we have had rabies in town for quite a number of years, there seems to be a sudden increase in the number. Board agreed that Diane should put an article out warning residents to stay away from all wildlife.

Motion ten - Al made a motion to adjourn and Richard R. seconded the motion. The motion was made unanimous by Richard D. adjourned.

9:04 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Tiernan, Asst. Public Health Supervisor