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Board of Health Minutes

March 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Tom Klem, Chair, Arnold Soslow, M. D. , and Michael Bean, M. D. . Also present were Julia Junghanns, Director of Public Health and Patti White, Department Assistant.

7:30 p.m. **Public Comments:** Judy Young Old Sudbury Road The water lines on Old Sudbury Road and Glezen lane were replaced last year and during the repairs, temporary lines were sent up Glezen Lane. Chlorine was strongly noticeable during that time period when temporary lines were in use. The repairs have been completed and have improved the water pressure and the water is cleaner. Several times in the past year Ms. Young has experienced swelling of her hands and feet, she believes it's from sodium in town water. Upon consulting her doctor, he recommended she drink bottled water. Upon discussing this issue with neighbors, she discovered that others in the area are also having similar problems and have been drinking bottled water. She contacted the DPW regarding her concerns, the Water Dept, came and tested and found the water to be ok. She is also concerned regarding the sodium in the water.

There was a discussion about the Chlorine levels in the water; we will obtain that information from the DPW/Water Dept. There was also a question about what is used for chlorination and whether there is sodium in the chlorine.

7:40 p.m. **15 Sylvan Way - local upgrades and variance for septic system repair. Owner Al Zagame- Vito Colona for Sullivan and Connors.** One local upgrade and one variance is being requested, for new septic system with no increase in bedrooms:

- 1) 3 ft separation to groundwater (4ft required)- local upgrade
- 2) Separation less than 75 feet to wetlands (53 feet)-town variance

AS: motion to grant local upgrade and variance as requested. Second TK vote 3-0 all in favor

7:50 p.m. **22 White Ave - Local upgrades and variance for septic repair - Owner Eileen Stanford; Brandon Ducharme of Ducharme and Dillis Civil Design Group** 3 local upgrades and 1 variance are being requested for a new septic system with no increase in bedrooms:

- 1) Offset to property line- 6 ft instead of 10 ft.-local upgrade
- 2) Offset to existing foundation 18 ft instead of 20'-local upgrade
- 3) Reduction from 800 sq ft min leaching area to 630 sq ft which meets the Title 5 regulations-variance
- 4) 3 ft offset to ground water (4 ft requirement)-local upgrade

TK: Motion to grant local upgrades and variance as requested. MB: second vote 3-0 all in favor

8:00 p.m. **33 Rice Spring Road - Pamela M Kainz owner- requesting a Variance from BOH Zone II policy of house square footage allowed.**

The Board of Health staff approved a prior building application in 2011. Ms. Kainz is now looking to finish the basement area of the addition. The addition brings the total square footage over the BOH new policy of 3000 ft limit for a 4 bedroom house in a Zone II.

MB: Motion to approve the variance from the policy as requested AS: second vote 3-0 all in favor

8:07 p.m. **Directors Report attached**

8:20 p.m. **22 Snake Brook Road - George Tsiaris- Owner; David Scofield, R. S.** 2 variances from Title 5 are being requested for the construction of an addition near a septic system:

- 1) Setback from full foundation from 10ft to 8.3 ft.
- 2) Setback from the full foundation to the leaching area from 20 ft to 12.7 ft.

TK: Motion: to approve the variances at 22 Snakebrook Road to reduce the setback from 20 ft. to 12.7ft. contingent on the double barrier design as shown on the revised plans dated March 8, 2012 and to allow for a shortening of the 40 ml barrier to 5 ft beyond the end of the house. Second A.S . vote 3-0 all in favor.

8:30 p.m. **Happy Hollow Sodium level discussion**

Sherree Greenbaum of the former Wellhead Protection Committee informed the Board regarding the water from the HH wells and that sometimes the water goes right to the residents (from HH wells) in that area but the water also gets transported through the pipes to Reeves Hill where it mixes with other well water and then is distributed to the households in town. Ms. Greenbaum believes that there are some residents along the way from the HH wells to Reeves hill that receive their water before the water is blended at Reeves Hill.

DEP presently requires sodium testing of the town's water every 3 years. It is not certain what the past testing requirements have been. Since the sodium levels at HH wells are above Dep's guideline of 20 mgL testing is being done more frequently. DPW will be doing quarterly water testing at all the wells to help set a better database of sodium levels.

AS: The Wayland BOH believes the elevated sodium levels of the Happy Hollow wells (1 & 2) represent a public health concern to Wayland citizens.

Since town water from all the wells is blended at times, all Wayland citizens should be aware of this elevated sodium concentration in town water.

The Wayland BOH requests the following requests to the Wayland Water superintendent and DPW Director:

The Wayland BOH believe that quarterly testing of each individual town well for sodium measurement should be done with those results communicated to citizens with postings on the town water department website.

The Wayland BOH request a meeting with the Water Superintendent and the DPW director to discuss the Water/DPW action plan on this issue. Second TK all in favor vote 3-0

9:10 p.m. **MB: motion to approve Minutes of December 14, 2011 & February 13, 2012.**

AS: second vote 3-0 all in favor

The board has approved the new Disposal Works installer test which was designed by BOH staff. The Director's report was reviewed. Diane Ledwell has resigned. The Board supports Patti White covering 7 hours from the Senior Clerk position until a replacement is hired (this will provide her with 35 hours per week). The Concussion policy was discussed and MB shared with the Board and AS his conversation with Ruth Mori and her involvement assisting with this policy.

There was a discussion regarding the fatal fire at 2 Gage Road and the recent press releases regarding hoarding at this property. The Director updated the Board with information and provided a summary of staff involvement at this property, discussions and meetings with Town Counsel and other town officials. The Director will be working with other key town officials to discuss this issue and a team strategy going forward. It was suggested as a future agenda item for discussion regarding hoarding.

Staff to prepare a 1 sided sheet listing local upgrades for septic system repairs with no increase in bedrooms that are suggested to be approved by the Director. These situations are often difficult lots where the engineer is obtaining Maximum Feasible Compliance as allowed in the Title 5 State Regulations. Staff works closely with engineers to obtain the best design and to meet town and state regulations without local upgrades if it can be achieved. Variances for new construction would continue to be brought for BoH review and approval. The Board supports this authority given to the Director.

9:55 p.m. **T.K. Motion to adjourn Second A.S.**

Respectfully submitted

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