

THE BOARD OF HEALTH
MIXTER MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING
120 PRESCOTT STREET
WEST BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01583

July 25, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Barrell, Alan Harris, Celia Hartigan and Mary-Isabel Luddy
Members absent: Richard Chapman

Also Present: Senator Harriette Chandler, Representative Jim O'Day, Mark Brodeur, John Westerling, Diana Grimley, James Robida, Arthur Resch, Paul Anderson, John Scannell, Bill Davis, Bridgett MeAlice, Scott Giacoppo, Peter Johnson, Linda Amsden, Jillian Pereira, Ed Baldarelli and John Farnsworth.

Chairman Barrell convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Beaver Solution for Sterling Meadows Condominiums At the request of State Representative James O'Day, participants from the appropriate town departments and state agencies were present to discuss the water issue related to beavers at Sterling Meadows Condominiums 318 through 334 Sterling Place in West Boylston.

All those in attendance introduced themselves. Chairman Barrell gave an account of a site visit he did with other town departments of the flooding problem that Sterling Meadows experienced in April of 2007. Beaver activity blocked culverts and prevented them from providing the intended drainage.

Senator Harriette Chandler said that it was her understanding that Mass Highway had already been funded to correct this problem and that the work was already in progress. James Robida of Mass Highway responded that the funding is in place and he is ready to begin a new drainage structure over the existing pipe.

John Farnsworth, engineer for Baldarelli Brothers sand pit across the street from the drainage work area, commented that the sand pit needs to be taken into consideration during this process. He said that he believes that the problem begins on Prescott Street behind the pit, which causes the problem on the opposite side of Sterling Street from Sterling Meadows and contributes to the condominium problems. DCR own this property.

John Scannell, Acting Director, Division of Water Supply Protection, commented that the DCR does not control beaver on their property. They will give permission for people having a problem to go onto DCR property to solve beaver issues at their own expense.

Diana Grimley of Salisbury Management (of Sterling Meadows) said that her company has a contract in place to build a berm with earth to try to keep the water away from the buildings. Barry Esteves of the Conservation Commission said that this work could not take place in the wetland buffer zone without a permit from the Commission.

Scott Giacoppo of the MSCPA commented that he will work the group and may be able to provide some grant money. Mr. Giacoppo said that the regular season to trap beaver is November 1 through April 15 and that DCR allows people to go on their property to trap.

The general consensus of the group was that the meeting went very well and on a positive note.

The bills were paid

Plan Review for 136 Laurel Street The Board reviewed the septic design plan for 136 Laurel Street prepared by Hub Survey on June 25, 2007. The plans require a Local Upgrade Approval. Mrs. Luddy said that she would like the elevation at the top of each test hole shown on plans submitted for Board of Health review. Upon motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Dr. Harris it was unanimously voted to grant a Local Upgrade Approval for the septic design drawings for 136 Laurel Street pertaining to the separation distance between the bottom of the proposed subsurface sewage disposal system and the seasonal high groundwater table (5'- required; 4'- provided). Hub survey will be notified to provide the elevations.

Autowright Motor Co. 280 West Boylston Street Sewer Connection Letter The Board read a letter from Jayne Hadley of Autowright Motor Co. The letter informs the Board that the Autowright property at 280 West Boylston Street is undergoing 21E clean up activities. There are monitoring wells in the path of the sewer connection pipe. The schedule for completion of the monitoring process is October 2007. David Edilberti Excavating is on contract to make the sewer connection as soon as the DEP activities are complete. A letter from Cushing, Jammallo & Wheeler, Inc. dated July 13, 2007, is included confirming Mrs. Hadley's information. The Board is in agreement that the sewer connection should take place upon completion of the 21E activity.

Environmental Notification Form 328 West Boylston Street. Honey Dew Donuts The Board acknowledged an Environmental Notification Form from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Office for a proposed Honey Dew Donuts at 328 West Boylston Street. The Board has no issues as the property will be sewered and the company will be informed of the BOH regulations regarding food service establishments upon submission of a building permit application.

VNA Contract Discussion The Board has been using the VNA Care Network for communicable disease reports that require follow-up. VNA has also been providing clinics for influenza and hepatitis vaccines to town employees paid for by the Board. Chairman Barrell will speak with Town Administrator Gaumond about the funding for these activities.

Sewer Connection Violation Notices Sewer Connection Violation notices will be sent to those who have not complied with the mandatory connection regulation. Mrs. Mard explained to the Board the different documents that must be examined from both the Sewer Division and the Board of Health to identify the violators. This process is not difficult but is time consuming. The notices will be sent out as quickly as possible beginning with those who were issued a waiver of Title 5 inspection to facilitate the sale of property. These waivers were conditioned upon connection to the sewer within thirty days of its availability.

With no further business for the Board and upon motion of Dr. Harris and second of Mrs. Luddy it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Barbara A. Mard

Robert J Barrell, Chairman
N. Alan Harris, MD, Vice Chairman
Celia F Hartigan, RN, Member
Richard M Chapman, Member
Mary -Isabel Luddy. RS, Member