

Board of Health

January 14, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Barrell, Celia Hartigan, Mary-Isabel Luddy and Beverly Salate

Members absent: Alan Harris

Also present: Susan Meola, Steven Sears and Robert Nute

Chairman Barrell convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Steve Sears Ross Associates for 200 Malden Street Mr. Steven Sears of Ross Associates Engineering came before the Board to explain the installation procedure used and reason for failure of the septic system at the home of Mr. Robert Nute at 200 Malden Street. The design called for infiltrators which require a certain type of sand/stone. The incorrect type of sand was used causing the system to fail. It was decided that rather than replace the sand and clean the infiltrators, pipe and stone would be used and the distribution box and tank would not be replaced. Mrs. Luddy said that she would review the plan that Mr. Sears will provide to save the resident some money. Finlay Engineering Services will do all the inspections required during installation and the As-built drawing. After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Salate and second of Mrs. Hartigan, approval was unanimously granted for the design of the replacement of the failing infiltrator sewage system to a traditional stone and pipe leach field at 200 Malden Street. The following inspections are required by Finlay Engineering Services and Ross Associates: 1) excavation prior to fill; 2) bottom bed prior to stone; 3) As-built final; 4) fill and grading final.

Steve Sears Ross Associates for 63 Prescott Street Mr. Sears, Mr. Vignaly of the DCR and Dr. Harris did a site walk of 63 Prescott Street. The walk was done to show Mr. Vignaly that the septic system installed at the site was done in compliance with Title 5 and had no impact on the reservoir or wetlands.

Meeting Minutes Upon motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Mrs. Luddy it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2008 Board of Health meeting.

Bills were paid

Quist Property 59 Worcester Street Violations Two letters from Building Inspector Brodeur to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Quist of 59 Worcester Street were acknowledged. The letters inform the January 14, 2008 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

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Quists of violations on their property as it relates to a business his wife is running from the barn including the property not being connected to the sewer.

7 Glenwood Avenue Inspection Request Chief Pauley has requested a home inspection at 7 Glenwood Avenue. He has been informed by EMTs who recently had occasion to be in the home that uninhabitable conditions exist. A letter has been sent to the owners requesting permission to enter the property.

December 11, 2009 Ice Storm The Board involvement in the ice storm was discussed. A shelter was opened at the Middle/High School to provide food, showers and sleeping quarters from Friday, December 12 through Tuesday, December 16, 2008. Chairman Barrell and Mrs. Mard manned the desk and Mrs. Mard assisted the Fire Department in scheduling volunteers. They also posted shelter informational signs in establishments that were open on Rt. 12.

Mrs. Mard attended a follow-up meeting with the other departments that participated in the activities associated with the ice storm. A better understanding of what a shelter is and who it is meant to serve needs to get out to the residents.

Request from Chief Pauley The Board received a request from Chief Pauley dated January 6, 2009 for costs associated with the ice storm on December 11, 2008. He would like the responses from all concerned by January 16, 2009 for submission to FEMA.

Wachusett Country Club Title 5 Inspection Wachusett Country Club was asked by the Board to have a Title 5 inspection done on the club's septic system. The inspection was done by Wind River Environmental on November 10, 2008 and passed. The inspection was requested because the connection for the sewer is located on Bowen Street. The residents of Bowen Street do not want the country club to connect there because of the water problem they fear it will cause for their basements. Mr. Marrone is looking into extending the connection on Prospect Street and connecting through the parking lot. The passing Title 5 inspection allows the Board to give Mr. Marrone more time.

Department of Agricultural Resources Emergency Order 77 Lee Street The Board Acknowledged a letter sent to Dr. Tashjian from Michael Cahill, Director of the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health dated October 17, 2008. The letter is regarding an Emergency Order requiring, among other things, that Dr. Tashjian provide the Department by October 22, 2008 a vaccination protocol for all the horses he has at 77 Lee Street. In addition, all negative stallions were to be scheduled for castration with surgeries to be completed within 30 days of October 28, 2008.

As of December 9, 2008 the Department of Agriculture had not received the vaccination protocol, nor have they received the schedule for castrations or a report of the completion of those surgeries.

A letter from Dr. Tashjian to Director Cahill dated December 18, 2008 was attached with his reason for noncompliance.

Departmental Financial Report A copy of the month end November 30, 2008 financial report was distributed for the Boards information.

Training Opportunities Two training opportunities were offered as follows:

- DEP seminar to inform Boards of Health of recently promulgated regulations pertaining to outdoor hydronic heaters, Wednesday, March 18, 2008 at Qunnsigamond Community College.
- MHOA Abandoned Properties PH Issues, Thursday March 19, 2009 Dedham, MA.
Each member will take care of registering if they are interested in attending.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Mrs. Salate and second of Mrs. Luddy it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Barbara A. Mard

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

N. Alan Harris, MD, MPH, Vice Chairman

Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH

Mary-Isabel Luddy, RS

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN