

Board of Health

July 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes

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

Chairman Barrell convened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act (The Act) Compliance There was not a quorum for a Board meeting on June 24, 2009. There were many pool owners in attendance to hear the decision of the Board on compliance with The Act. These people had been at the June 8, 2009 meeting where compliance was discussed. At that time the Board said they would discuss it and have a decision at the July 8, 2009 meeting.

Camp Woodhaven, Reservoir Motor Lodge and Wachusett Estates are in compliance. Sterling Meadows and Classic Suits were told they could open this summer by performing added testing for their pools and would have to comply with the Act for the 2010 season. Robert Gallo would like the Board to send him a letter telling him what he has to do to comply.

Meeting Minutes After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Salate and second of Mrs. Luddy it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2009 Board of Health Meeting.

Bills were paid

Failed Septic System at 49 Campground Road Mrs. Mard informed the Board that Mark Whitney, resident at 49 Campground Road called to say that he had hired a plumber who found a broken valve in his toilet that was causing his septic system to appear to be in failure. Now that the valve has been replaced, he said his problems are solved and that his water consumption and discharge to the septic system has decreased significantly. Mrs. Mard called the Water District to verify this information. The water district said that in December 2008, they replaced the water meter and that the reading had significantly changed.

A failed Title 5 inspection report from 1996 is in the file with no evidence of repair. The system was pumped four times in March of 2009. A letter will be sent to the owner of the property, Clare Whitney of 111 Central Street, informing her that she must supply a passing Title 5 inspection report or begin the process of replacing the septic system.

Trash at 12 Heritage Lane A complaint was called into the Board by a resident on Heritage Lane concerning the amount and condition of trash being left at 12 Heritage Lane. Mrs. Mard went to the property and found the complaint to be true. She researched the ownership and found that the property is in foreclosure and the owners have abandoned the property, however, they continue to bring their trash and leave it beside the house. Chairman Barrell and Mrs. Hartigan went to the property and filled twenty five large bags with the trash and put it at the curb for pick up the following morning, Friday June 26, 2009.

Beaver Problems at Rt. 12/Sterling Meadows/Baldarelli Brothers Inc. Bill Chase, Chairman of the Conservation Commission joined the meeting to find out what was necessary to acquire an Emergency Beaver Trapping Permit. Mr. Chase has been working with Mass Highway and Baldarelli Brothers to get the water level down on the northern most part of Rt. 12 in West Boylston. The parking lot of Sterling Meadows is under water and the water is at street level in the property owned by Mass Highway on the same side of the road and the septic system is being compromised. Mr. Chase was given the appropriate paperwork to acquire the permit.

With no further business for the Board and upon motion of Dr. Harris and second of Mr. Luddy it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:30 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