

Board of Health

October 14, 2009

Meeting Minutes

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

Also Present: Fire Chief Richard Pauley

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

Meeting Minutes After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Salate and second of Mrs. Luddy it was voted all in favor to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2009 Board meeting.

Bills were paid

Fire Chief Richard Pauley General and H1N1 Discussion Chief Pauley came before the Board to discuss any topics the Board might like to address pertaining to his department. He would like to have more face to face time with the Board since our jobs cross paths regularly. The Chief has concerns for his employees about getting H1N1 vaccine to protect them from the flu. They transport residents who exhibit the symptoms daily. The Board informed the Chief that as soon as they are able, the vaccine will be made available to his staff. The Chief informed the Board that one of his employees has received training to administer the vaccine and they too are supposed to be getting a supply of vaccine. The Board thanked Chief Pauley for coming and look forward to continue working with his department in the future.

Classic Suites Pool Regulation Request Classic Suites requested a letter describing what the Board is looking for to bring their pool into compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act. The Board suggests that any questions they have should addressed to Steven F. Hughes, Director of the Community Sanitation Program.

Sewer Connection Issues There were four residents who made requests regarding their sewer connection after receiving letters from Kopelman and Paige. Those addresses and responses are as follows:

- 265 Maple Street – this resident began connection, required a grinder pump, paid the drainlayer who did not finish the job and left town. A letter was received stating that they have been trying to locate the drain layer to finish the job with no success. They

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are hiring another drainlayer to complete the job. This address has been removed from the Kopelman and Paige list.

- 40 Central Street – this resident sent a letter stating that they plan to connect however, are dealing with a bankruptcy and say connection is financially not possible. They are looking for the town to provide them with an alternative way of financing. The bankruptcy involves a property in Worcester. The 40 Central Street property is a four family where the owner lives. The Board will ask Kopelman and Paige to move forward with the enforcement action on this property.
- 68 Sterling Street – this resident is partially connected. During connection it was discovered that a grinder pump was necessary to complete the connection. The Board will ask Kopelman and Paige to put this property on hold while the town decides how they will handle properties that need grinder pumps.
- 1 Stockwell Road – this property has a drive way that is at least ¼ mile long. Chairman Barrell and Mrs. Luddy did a site walk and found that a stream runs through the property that will have to be crossed to connect. The Board determined that it is unreasonable to enforce the mandatory sewer connection. The resident will be asked to furnish a Title 5 inspection showing that the septic system is operating as it was designed. The owner will also need to provide continuing Title 5 inspections every two to three years depending on the frequency of pumping.

Septic System at 228 Lancaster Street Vincent Vignaly inquired if the resident at 228 Lancaster Street had provided a Title 5 inspection report that was requested in the past. Mr. Viano, the owner of the property was contacted and asked the status of the inspection. He came to the office and informed the Board that he plans to sell the property at which time he knows a Title 5 will be required. Mr. Viano was asked to keep the Board informed the status.

Excessive Septic System Pumping at 39 Lancaster Street Pumping records for 39 Lancaster Street show that the septic system has been pumped four times between July 2, 2009 and August 3, 2009. A letter will be sent to the homeowner telling them that their system is in failure and to begin the process of replacement by hiring an engineer.

Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District (UBWPAD) Change The Board received a letter dated October 9, 2009 from Thomas K. Walsh, Director/Treasurer of the UBWPAD. The letter informed the Board that new forms for septage were going to be sent and to discard any unused permits.

October 19, 2009 Town Meeting Warrant The Board acknowledged the Warrant for the October 19, 2009 semi-annual Town Meeting.

Kopelman and Paige Memorandum Re: Requirement for Keeping Minutes of Meetings A memorandum dated July 25, 2005 was re-sent as a reminder to the Boards and Committees in Town about the Requirements for Keeping Minutes of Meetings. The Board acknowledged this document.

Ice Storm Wrap-up Meeting The Board received a letter from Town Administrator Gaumond informing them that there will be an Ice Storm Wrap-up and Pre-disaster mitigation meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Barrell plans to attend.

Region 2 Mutual Aid Agreements The Board acknowledged a document provided by Kerry M. Clark, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Region 2 dated October 13, 2009. The document lists the town/cities in the region that have signed the Mutual Aid Agreement.

Honey Farms Extended Hours Request Honey Farms has requested 24 hours of operation a day. The Board has no issue with this request.

H1N1 Documents Various H1N1 documents were distributed and discussed.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Mrs. Salate and second of Dr. Harris it was voted all in favor to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

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Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

N. Alan Harris, MD, MPH, Vice Chairman

Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH

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