

Board of Health

January 27, 2010

Meeting Minutes

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

Members absent: Alan Harris

Also present: Susan Meola, Stephen Sears, John and Jean Siequist, Gerald Espe

Meeting Minutes After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Mrs. Salate it was voted all in favor to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2010 Board of Health Meeting.

Bills were paid

Failed Septic System at 47 Fairbanks Street Steve Sears of Ross Associates was in attendance along with Mr. and Mrs. Siequist, owners of 47 Fairbanks Street, to request the Board allow the removal of the portion of sewerage disposal system that is in failure. This would be sealed off stone and sand at the leach field interface. New clean stone and sand would then be replaced to conform to Title 5. The same invert elevations of the existing septic tank would be used also, which is still in good condition, according to the Title 5 Inspector, Val Pruneau.

If the Board allows this replacement for the Siequist's, Mr. Sears along with our agent, Finlay Engineering, will oversee the removal and replacement of the leach field. Mr. Sears will provide an As-Built plan and Certificate of Compliance, which will then take the place of a passing Title 5 inspection. After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Luddy and second of Mrs. Hartigan it was voted all in favor to allow the excavation, removal, new sand and stone and final grading at 47 Fairbanks with inspections by Finlay Engineering.

Executive Session 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 January 13, 2010 executive session.

Hearing Re: New Septic System at 435 Lancaster Street The Board held a hearing to offer the abutters of 435 Lancaster Street the opportunity to discuss a variance request for a septic system replacement.

- 15.211 Minimum system setback from wetlands bordering surface water supply or tributary thereto (secondary zone) is one hundred feet. The proposed septic tank is designed to be 52 ft. and the proposed leach area is designed to be 69 ft.
- 15.240 (1) On-site subsurface sewage disposal system shall be located in an area where there is at least a four foot depth of naturally occurring pervious soil below the entire area of the soil absorption system area (leach field), unless a variance is issued in accordance with the provisions of 310 CMR 15.415 (2). The four foot stratum must be free of impervious and unsuitable materials. The proposed leach area is designed in an area that contains pervious soil, (gravelly sand), which is a filled gravelly sand mix that was placed on site over 50 years ago.

15.405 Local Upgrade Approvals Requested:

- 15.401 (1) (a) Reduction of sewage system setback to foundation from 20 ft. to 17 ft.
- 15.405 (1) (j) Reduction of a 12 inch separation between inlet and outlet of tanks from estimated high groundwater.

There were no abutters in attendance at this meeting.

After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Luddy and second of Mrs. Salate it was unanimously voted to grant the Local Upgrade Approvals as stated above.

A second motion was made by Mrs. Luddy and seconded by Mrs. Hartigan was unanimously voted in favor to grant the Variances to Title 5 also stated above.

Indoor Air Quality Report for Middle/High School At the request of a parent, an indoor air quality assessment was done at the Middle/High School on October 21, 2009. This assessment was done by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), Bureau of Environmental Health.

The school houses approximately 630 students in grades 6 through 12 with approximately 90 staff members. Test were taken during normal school operations. There were many factors identified that would contribute to poor air quality.

There were 26 short term measures that should be considered for implementation. Most of these measures are maintenance issues. The Board will send a letter to Superintendant of Schools Thomas Kane telling him the Board hopes he will follow through with the recommendations that do not require a large capital investment.

Cable TV Interview Regarding Tobacco Products and Youth The Board is a member of the Worcester Regional Tobacco Control Coalition (WRTCC). Mrs. Mard is the West Boylston representative in this group. At a recent meeting of the WRTCC, a Community Fact Sheet was

distributed specific to each town. Factors covered in this sheet regard number of smokers in Town, lung cancer mortality rates and hospitalizations rates compared to the rest of the state. During the meeting, products that are new to the market were passed amongst the members. These new products are designed to target youth and are nicotine products the same as cigarettes and just as addicting.

Mrs. Mard coordinated a cable TV interview between Town Administrator Gaumond and Derek Brindisi, Director of the City of Worcester Division of Health to discuss these products in an attempt to bring them to the public's attention and assist with the Administrators Wellness Program. This interview will take place on February 3, 2010 at the Municipal Light Plant.

Tobacco Control There are no Hookah or Cigar Bars in West Boylston. The WRTCC has recommended that the Board hold a public hearing for the purpose of banning those bars in West Boylston before a permit is requested.

Ethics Compliance Training Board members were reminded that they are required to complete the Ethics Compliance Training on or before April 2, 2010. A packet was distributed to each member explaining the law and providing the online training information.

May 17, 2010 Annual Town Meeting Schedule The schedule for the 2010 Annual Town Meeting was distributed. The Board has until April 2, 2010 to submit warrant articles.

Goals 2010 Document The Board acknowledged a letter from Town Administrator Gaumond dated January 14, 2010 documenting the goals for 2010 that he suggests the BOS adopt.

Article from the Municipal Water and Sewer Magazine The Board acknowledged an article given to them by Town Administrator Gaumond regarding government spending, taxation and exactly the kind of society we wish to have and leave to our kids.

Wood Burning Issues Document A company called Clean Air Revival, Inc. sent out an informational document to residents in West Boylston addressing the hazards of wood burning. This document was put on the agenda in case residents contact the Board.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Mrs. Salate and second of Mrs. Hartigan it was voted all in favor to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Barbara A. Mard

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH

N. Alan Harris, MD, MPH, Vice Chairman

Mary-Isabel Luddy, RS

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN