

Board of Health
April 11, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Barrell, Celia Hartigan and Beverly Salate

Members absent: Alan Harris and Sam Wong

Others present: Kevin Hartigan

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

Meeting Minutes After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Salate and second of Mrs. Hartigan it was voted all in favor to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2012 Board of Health Meeting.

Bills were paid

Septic Design Drawings for 156 Prescott Street After review and upon motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Mrs. Salate it was voted all in favor to approve a Local Upgrade Approval pertaining to the offset distance between the estimated seasonal high groundwater table and the bottom of the soil absorption system (4' required; 3' provided). An additional motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Mrs. Salate was also voted all in favor to approve the septic design drawings prepared by Ross Associates, Inc. in February 2012 numbered L-11814

Kopelman and Paige, P.C. Documents The Board acknowledged two documents from Kopelman and Paige P.C.

- Statewide Mutual Aid Programs. The document outlines Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) offering sessions regarding the specifics of these programs.
- Status Update for properties currently in bankruptcy as it relates to connecting to the sewer.

Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing Notice The Board acknowledged a Public Hearing notice for 68 Newton Street. The petitioner seeks to maintain an accessory apartment located at that property. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012. The Board has no issues as this property is connected to the sewer.

Notice to Residence Regarding Chicken on Residential Property The Board has received numerous complaints regarding chickens roaming residential neighborhoods. As a result of this, an informational document was prepared and published in the Banner. The document states that while it is permissible to have chickens on residential property, it is not ok for them to roam the neighborhood. Chickens must be kept on the property of the owner.

A copy of the Agricultural Commission meeting minutes from September 13 2011 was included in the agenda package. The minutes were included to clarify for the Board the Commission's authority regarding the "The Right to Farm" bylaw. The Bylaw deals with agriculture on property of 2 acres or more. Should complaints be received by the Commission for residential areas, they will assist in dispute resolution and also consult with the Board of Health.

DCR Storm Water Outreach and Gull Feeding Prevention The Board acknowledged a letter from John M. Scannell, Regional Director of the DCR, to DPW Director Baruzzi regarding storm water outreach and education. A brochure regarding not feeding Gulls was also provided.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Mrs. Salate it was voted all in favor to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

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Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

N. Alan Harris, MD, MPH, Vice Chairman

Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

Samuel S. Wong, PhD, REHS/RS