

Town of Heath
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes from 5/7/14

BOH members present: Becky Allen (chair), Karen Brooks (entered at 6:36), John Doherty, and Charlie Cornish. Also present Glen Ayers (Health Agent)

Others present: citizens; Robert Kragen (left at 7:14 pm.)

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Robert Kragen is present at the meeting to discuss his lot within MEPOA. He owns one lot located on Swamp Road. He is interested in getting a well on the property. The Board of Health discussed with him that it would be very difficult to make a well and septic fit on one lot. If he manages to make it fit on one lot, this then impacts the property abutters and what they can then do with their property. We then had a discussion if a tight tank would work. Mr. Kragen is looking into a composting toilet and would this purchase be beneficial to him. After the discussion the Board of Health informed Mr. Kragen that the best thing to do would be to hire a septic designer to look at the property and see if it was in fact feasible to have a well and a septic at that location.

Jenna Day called the Board of Health voicemail and left a message apologizing for not being able to attend this meeting. She will be at the next one.

The minutes from 4-16-14 were approved with corrections. Passed unanimously.

The Substance and Tobacco Prevention Partnership of Hampshire & Franklin Counties committee met and are not interested in increasing the age for tobacco purchases from 18 to 21 years of age.

Glen Ayers gave an update on the housing complaint at 143 Number Nine Road. The landlord was very receptive to letting the current tenant move out. After they have left she will do the corrections to the property.

146 Colrain Stage Road will be having the new septic installed, hopefully by the end of May.

The Proposed Septic Regulations were approved unanimously.

The Proposed Private Well Regulations were approved unanimously.

The Temporary Occupancy Regulations were approved unanimously. The Temporary Occupancy Regulations were approved as they had been originally presented at the public hearing on 4-16-14.

MEPOA tight tanks were inspected. The one tight tank that has a plywood cover had no increase or decrease in water level. However the other tank, which does not have a plywood cover, did see an increase of 11". The Board of Health clerk will send a letter stating that they should have a plywood cover for that tank as well and also inform them that the Board of Health will continue to monitor the tanks until we do not see any change in either tank for a two year period.

108 Sumner Stetson Road had a Title V done and it passed.

The Board of Health received notification about National Grid doing their spring insecticide treatment.

The Board of Health received several pumping reports. They were all in good condition.

The Board of Health received an e-mail from a concerned citizen that is concerned that the Mohawk Lake water be tested on a weekly schedule. The Board of Health discussed that last year was an odd year because the company that has done it for years went out of business. This did in fact cause a delay

with testing due to the fact that another company had to be found. The Board of Health believes that the water this year will be done by Housatonic, as it was last year.

Karen will construct a sign and put it up on Whitmore Springs before the next meeting. The sign will inform people to drink at their own risk.

The town nurse report was received and read at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Allen

Documents:

Proposed Private well regulations

Proposed Septic regulations

Proposed Temporary Occupancy regulations

Proposed Temporary Occupancy regulations with additions from public hearing

Nurse's Report