

Town of Heath
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2015
Sawyer Hall

BOH members present: Karen Brooks, Chair, Charlie Cornish, Mike Freeman, Betsy Kovacs, Armand Clavette.

FRCOG Health Agent: Glen Ayers

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes from BOH 10/7/15 and 10/21/15 meetings were unanimously approved with corrections.

Meeting Etiquette: Basic rules of conduct should be followed. Discussed conflict of sitting on two town boards. Chair reported advice from town clerk regarding members who represent another party need to recuse themselves on issues pertaining to that other board. Glen spoke about the difficulty of “wearing two hats” in a meeting. Betsy explained involvement with the Fire Association and disagreed about conflict. She agreed she would speak to the State Ethics Commission. Armand discussed involvement with Mohawk Estates Association. Also reviewed proper times that a meeting can be called to order.

Minutes Reconstruction: Member feels he can find notes from the August 25th meeting before the next meeting.

FRCOG Health Annual Meeting: November 19th Berkshire East.

BOH went over policy on Occupation of Campers (After) the 150 day season at MEPOA. Board discussed creating a blanket letter for realtors who advertise trailers as homes with bathrooms and do not mention they are for seasonal use.

Building Department Sign off:

Informed that the BOH cannot add a check-up off to all or a group of property owners. Can add on an individual basis when infraction is reported.

Complaints:

24 Shawnee Drive- Occupants have been staying beyond the season. No Title V was done for sale. Glen will write a letter and follow up.

280 Rt-8A North-Numerous complaints over the past couple years about the same problem. Glen will follow up with a letter to DCF and BOH recommended for him to proceed with Enforcement.

32 Shawnee- Bathhouse reported on the property. Glen will follow-up.

7 Cheyenne and 58 Shawnee- both properties have applied for building permits for roofs over their trailers but have not applied for Temporary Occupancy Permits. Compliance has been added to the Building Permit check off list.

8 Swamp Road- Complaint of 3 new trailers on the property. Chair has passed this on to the building department as it is a zoning matter.

Annual mailing of TOP: TOP expires April 30, 2016. Will attempt to mail applications with tax bills to all residents.

Practice Burn Policy: After discussion, Karen proposed that the policy will be guidelines. Approved by BOH as amended. Betsy abstained. Policy will be to hand out guidelines to parties interested. Glen will work on language for this policy with Chair.

Letter to Selectboard documenting activities of board regarding attempted practice burn at 15 Ledges Rd was discussed and amended and will be sent to BOS signed by Karen Brooks and kept on file.

1 Bray Road: Permit is not needed for well cap.

228 Rt. 8A South- BOH approved Septic Plan with a one foot reduction variance of Title V. BOH Chair and Glen will work on necessary paperwork.

128 Taylor Brook Road- Port-a-Potty permit refused. Stated BOH policy was not met. Check and application will be sent back to owner with explanation.

1406 Sherman Road- Realtor advertised property as having "plenty of room for septic". Glen already discussed with buyer before closing. It is too late to do Title V now. Building inspector says it is not a legal building lot as there is no frontage. Property is on a private road. New owner says he will only use it for a camp.

Armand and Charlie will meet to do the end-of-season measuring of the tight tanks at MEPOA

16 Ledges Rd and 145 Avery Brook Rd: Septics are in and Glen has inspected. More at next meeting

Tom Danek has applied for installer's permit. Glen will help with online application.

911 Address List- BOH's letter to the BOS was read and approved.

4 Lakeview Dr- Mike will follow up with owner.

191 South Road- Failed septic, emergency septic repair was approved.

Title V 31 Flagg Hill Rd

Water Test- Town Hall and Senior Center good.

Pumping Reports- Reports were reviewed, all were good.

Nurses Report- Report read and vacation time explained by BOH member.

Vacant lot on Dell Road 4-13-3– Response from BOH Clerk’s previous letter, owner will sell as is.

Memo to Fire Department- approved as amended and will be sent along with a copy of the BOH Practice Burn Guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Documents:

Minutes 10/7/15

Minutes 10/21/15

Pumping Report

Title V reports

Letter from Dell Rd owner

Memo to Fire Chief

Burn Guidelines

Letters to Selectmen

Water Test Report

Conflict of Interest Law

E-mails

Nurse’s Report

Respectfully submitted by Charlie Cornish