

Heath Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
August 20th, 2013

Present:

Board Members: Rebecca Allen, Chair, Jenna Day, Karen Brooks, and Betty Nichols. Also present, Glen Ayers, Heath Health Agent. Meeting Convened 6:05pm

Minutes for August 7<sup>th</sup> were approved with corrections.

96 Taylor Brook Rd: Glen will keep checking on progress.

146 Colrain Stage Rd: Perc test scheduled for Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>. Seller is paying. Karen will attend with Glen.

166 Colrain Stage Rd: letter from Glen not sent yet

Food applications: will be online by next Heath Fair. Rebecca Sampson would like to be included in a meeting before next summer.

Porta-Potty Policy: Karen will type new policy and create a form for next meeting.

Clean Sweep Day: We are still missing person to operate backhoe and one other strong volunteer. We are also waiting to hear back from Rowe about whether we might be able to bring e-waste there to their new e-waste collection site. We edited the flyer and reviewed the schedule. We are creating a coupon for Temporary Occupancy Permit Holders, one coupon per permit, not per person, non-transferable. Karen will check with the Recorder about advertising and send a press release packet.

Glen announced that the Attorney General's office has proposed annual Title V inspections for all mobile home parks in Massachusetts.

101 Hosmer Rd: The letter limiting temporary occupancy was sent. They have applied for a sticker and the BOH will extend their permit until 2016.

4 septic pumping reports were received. 1tight tank report was received. All conditions were good.

Perc Season Public Discussion:

Bill Lattrell attended the meeting. This year, one perc failed due to weather. The last time Betty did percs, none failed due to weather. We discussed the perc rate of 60 min vs 30 min. The perc rate will change with the water in the soil. We discussed whether any or many new septic systems had failed. Betty's experience is that people would just keep trying to perc year after year until the property passed. Heath is the only town in Glen's district that still has a perc season (Rowe is not in his district). We discussed previous perc seasons (prior to 1995). After that the state switched to soil evaluation via deep holes and estimated seasonal water table height based on soil characteristics. The perc season only

applies to new construction, not repairs. We are still looking at whether we should remove the town's restriction on the season to be consistent with state law.

7:45pm Bill Lattrell left the meeting.

Septic plan review and permitting policy was reviewed. We learned that no other town in Glen's jurisdiction has a perc permit. Typically, the engineer has a wetlands delineation done. We discussed a con-com online sign-off along with BOH similar to the current sign-off process for building permit applications. We also discussed the final paragraph which includes reviewing the potable water supply. The board is tabling this policy for further discussion.

7 Waterfall Dr: signoff is required for a building permit. We reviewed records and found no septic. Karen will sign off online.

8 Lakeview Dr: Glen will remove this property from his offender's list. Owner's cousin is helping owner with permitting process and clean-up. We have given him more time to comply.

MEPOA beach and water reports were received. All good.

96 Burrington Rd: The trailer has been removed. COC will be signed and copy will go to building inspector. Becky will sign.

17 W Main St: Health Agent observed leach field now that house is occupied. No evidence of failure. This was the final step in compliance.

We discussed how to schedule big tasks and how to limit length of agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brooks, Heath Board of Health Clerk

Documents:

Water and beach reports

Pumping reports

Septic Plan Review Policy Draft

Letter to 101 Hosmer Rd

Porta-potty policy draft

Clean Sweep Day materials including volunteer information, sample coupons, flyer, notice for press release, pricelist