

Heath Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
December 18th, 2013

Present:

Board Members: Rebecca Allen, Chair, Karen Brooks, John Doherty, and Jenna Day.
Meeting Convened 6:40pm.

Meeting minutes for December 12th and also for the perc hearing on December 12th, were approved with corrections.

John Doherty voiced his concerns that his desire for the vote should go before the town at town meeting were not noted in the hearing minutes, and the minutes will be corrected to address this.

The Chair read the letter from Jessica VanSteensburg dated December 13th, 2013. The Board discussed the perc season and how the weather determines the wetlands determination. We intend to keep the Conservation Commission sign-off as part of the application process. Karen spoke with the Health Agent and he proposed creating a perc policy to coincide with the perc regulation. The Board made a motion to adopt the perc season regulation, to take effect January 1st, 2014 as stated in the language posted publicly before our hearing. The vote was 3 in favor (Karen Brooks, Becky Allen, and Jenna Day) and 1 opposed (John Doherty).

The Board also voted unanimously to adopt a perc policy to accompany the regulation that allows us to require the Conservation Commission to sign-off on perc test, septic system locations, and locations of private wells.

The Board approves adopting a policy to allow green burials in town. Unanimous.

So far, the properties that transferred in 2013 that still require Title V's are: 19 Cascade, 11 Waterfall, and 6 Apache. Karen will continue to look into these and pass on information to Glen.

In researching transferred properties, it was discovered that 33 Town Farm Rd needs follow-up regarding a Title V from 11/6/2012 that had not seen regular water usage.

Also, 223 Number Nine Rd had a Title V on 09/05/2012 after being empty several months and only receiving seasonal use prior to that time. It was sold on 09/10/2013, and is assumed to be lived in year-round now.

43 Sherman Dr was sold at auction on 08/29/2013 and Steven Smead has one more month to decide whether to do a Title V or demolish the septic.

15 Ledges Rd was purchased by Tom Danek at auction and he will also need to address the septic system. Karen will pass on these properties to Glen.

The new animal control officer in town is Ed Grinnell, 413-834-2951. He will be supervising Sarah Hettlinger in her role, and is available 24/7.

We read the FRCOG technical assistance grant request, but made no decision to ask for funds.

Camper/Trailer Bylaws: we need to add Section D as the town now has created a new district. We also will work on tightening definitions and attempt to mirror the state's definitions. In Sec V #2, #1, change A to A & D. We could also change the length of stay to reflect the state regulations (30 days rather than the 2 weeks maximum stay per year currently for District A), and also create a chart to make it simpler to understand.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brooks, Board of Health Clerk

Documents:

Minutes December 12th, 2013

Minutes from Perc Hearing, Dec 12th, 2013.

Green Burial Information packet

State Regs on burial

Percolation Policy

Perc Season Regulation

Letter from Jessica VanSteensburg

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Property Transfers from 2013 to date

Camper Trailer Regulations

Zoning Bylaws Town of Heath