

Heath Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
July 3rd, 2013

Present:

Board Members: Rebecca Allen, Chair, Betty Nichols, Jenna Day, Karen Brooks  
Health Agent Glen Ayers  
John Doherty arrived at 7:00pm

Meeting Convened 6:06 pm

Minutes for June 19th were approved with corrections.

6:20pm Jim Wilson entered meeting to ask the Board for permission to put in a well on his property at 32 Shawnee Drive. The Board discussed our well regulations and the process of applying for a well permit in Heath. They explained how a septic plan needs to be included with the application. The Board also explained how the placement of a well (and septic) could potentially affect a neighbor's right to have a septic/well. The fact that he has a larger lot could allow him to have the necessary setbacks to be able to put in a well but he would need to have a means of disposing of effluent. Betty said that tight tanks are allowed by right for seasonal houses. The Board believes the building inspector would have to make the decision of whether or not his property is a seasonal home as it was a camper trailer which has been added onto. Jim left the meeting at 7:00pm.

Glen asked for more information pertaining to 166 Colrain Stage Rd which we had passed onto him at our last meeting. Karen will copy the file and e-mail it to Glen.

7:00pm: John Kawa (ME resident) and Marvin Carley (Cushing and Sons) arrived. Glen asked Mr Cushing his opinion of the well regulations used in Gill, Charlemont, and Buckland, 3 towns which have adopted the unified well regulations. Mr Cushing is in favor of all towns having the same regulations. Karen asked if he had put in wells without septic, and Mr Cushing said they either had septic systems or tight tanks. Kawa has one lot 75' wide at 11 Wigwam which is a seasonal cottage. We explained that the 100' setback to abutting properties is the issue. The seasonal house is eligible for a tight tank. This would have to be 50' from the well. We discussed possible options for him: buy the water rights from an abutter, buy the abutting property, share a septic/well with an abutter. At 7:40pm, Mr Kawa and Mr Cushing left the meeting.

Signed temporary occupancy permits.

Sadoga Rd trailer update: Karen reported that the 2 regulations (zoning and BOH) confirm that, without a house, there is no overnight occupancy allowed in a camper trailer without a permit. In District A, with a permit, the maximum time allowed is 2 weeks/year. Also, in this district, the number of trailers allowed on the owner's land is one.

96 Taylor Brook Rd: Glen reported that he did a site inspection before the meeting. Homeowner has agreed to clean up tires, plastic and other debris. Glen will be going back on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Burial of debris may still be an issue. Glen will inspect for this again. Recyclables were loaded on trailer for disposal.

146 Colrain Stage Rd: Glen asked for a Title V inspection. The new owners (Linda Potter and Ron Woodard formerly of 3 Ledges Rd) and the seller, Linda Van Bogart both spoke with Glen. The Title V inspection is scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Glen would like a board member to be present.

Health Agent reported that he has inspected the school and it passed the inspection. He has a food inspection scheduled for the Benson Place.

3 Ledges Rd: Owner sent Board an update via e-mail. She has cleaned up much of the issue and has asked for an additional 2 weeks. Board granted extra time. Karen will send a letter thanking her for her cooperation.

Becky asked Glen how many percs he has witnessed and how many have passed. He didn't know exactly. He recollected individual properties. Discussion of perc season was tabled until next meeting.

Betty read Nurses report. Board passed a motion that CC Sherman is approved to cover for Claire's office hours on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Pumping reports were reviewed.

Karen will work on proposal for a clean sweep day in Heath.

The Board noted that it has not received any water tests or beach reports from Mohawk Estates this year. Karen will contact MEPOA president Steve Rodgers and let them know they need to get test results in to the Board.

FRCOG bill was signed.

Well regulations were tabled again.

The Board made a motion to appoint Becky as Chair for FY'14, Jenna as Vice-Chair, and Karen as Clerk.

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Brooks, BOH Clerk

## DOCUMENTS

Temporary Occupancy permits

Heath School food inspection

FRCOG Bill

Nurse's report

Pumping reports

E-mail from owner of 3 Ledges Rd

Minutes from June 19<sup>th</sup>