

Heath Board of Health

Perc Season Hearing Minutes

7:15pm, December 12th, 2013

Members present: Becky Allen, Karen Brooks, Jenna Day, John Doherty, and Glen Ayers, Health Agent.

One community member also present: Jessica VanSteensburg.

Karen read a letter from Tom Danek regarding our perc season. This record is included in our records.

The perc season was established in 1989.

We discussed bylaws, regulations, and policies and how each are enacted.

There is not enough evidence to prove that the regulation was posted sufficiently, and that a hearing was held.

1995 was when the state established Title V.

This established that local conditions could be enforced if boards of health can prove the science behind the regulation.

We discussed the impact of the BOH making a decision that would affect the town. John Doherty voiced his opinion that this decision should go to the annual town meeting.

Our Health Agent described how perc tests have changed from deep hole observations of water level to the soil science of today. Title V code changed the soil absorption systems and we began to see the raised systems.

We discussed the intent of the Board that introduced the regulation.

We discussed winter percs and wetlands determination.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:59pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brooks, Board of Health Clerk