

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2011

Present: Rebecca Allen, Robert Bourke, Elizabeth Nichols, John Doherty.

Meeting Convened: 6:04 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Minutes for December 15, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The Board reviewed the letter sent to Dawn & Dennis Peters at 96 Burrington Road concerning disconnection of the trailer from the septic system and removal of the trailer prior to receiving the COC. The letter requested notification so that the disconnection of the septic system could be witnessed.
3. Betty presented the Board with a copy of a FY98 tax bill indicating that the property at 118 Rowe Road (formerly 15 Rowe Road) was being assessed for a residential structure at that time. The Board agreed to accept the 2004 perc test unless the site has been filled or excavated in the meantime. Bob will inspect the property for soil disturbance prior to the next meeting.
4. The Board approved a second letter to John Doherty regarding the status of his septic system at 14 Mohawk Beach Drive. This property failed a title 5 inspection in 2000 and perc tests in 2000 & 2001. The letter requires that he submit a written plan to the Board by April 1st, apply for a Disposal Construction Permit by July 1st, and complete the installation of a septic system or tight tank by October 15, 2011.
5. Becky reported that a foreclosure by Nationstar Mortgage has been filed for the property formerly owned by Matthew Lynde and Laura Gowdy at 34 Royer Road. Glen has said that it will cost thousands of dollars for the Board to file a condemnation. At his advice the Board agreed to send a letter to the concerned parties stating that the property lacks a septic system, that the water supply may be inadequate and recommending that the septic tank cover be properly secured. The Board will require that this information be disclosed to any prospective buyer. This letter will be sent to Nationstar, Harmon Law (Nationstar's representative), Matthew Lynde and Laura Gowdy and any other interested parties. Becky said that a representative of Nationstar is supposed to post the property and the contact information will be included in this posting. As of 5:00 pm on January 5<sup>th</sup>, the posting had not been performed, although Glen had requested that it be done immediately. Glen has offered to draft the letter, but had not done so in time for the meeting.
6. Tim Lively and Becky are applying to MEMA for matching funds for the Reverse 911 system. Becky will draft a policy regulating the use of this system for the Boards review.
7. The Board discussed the need to pursue all those who have failed to purchase permits. Betty will ask the Department of Revenue whether the Non Criminal Disposition fines can be added to the real estate tax bill. The Board wants to understand the legal process before initiating fines.
8. John will check on whether certain camper trailers are being rented for year round occupancy.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. The Board approved the use of survival shelter paper products for the All Boards meeting. Becky will remind the Hall Committee that food and food service items cannot be stored in a shed prior to the planned shed's construction.
10. The Board agreed on a budget request for FY12 which level funds the FY11 budget with the following exceptions: The line item for Inspections in the amount of \$2,500 will be removed and a line item for \$750 for the Reverse 911 system will be added.
11. Becky will draft an Annual Report for the Board's review.
12. Becky signed Bostley Sanitary Services hauler's permit for fiscal 2011.
13. The Board reviewed a passing Title 5 Inspection report for 265 Number Nine Road. This property has been vacant for the last two years. It has been the practice of previous board to request a re inspection after six months of occupancy. The Board approved an order to the new owners, Rebecca & Lawrence Sampson, for a repeat Title 5 inspection after six months of occupancy. Pumping and inspection of the septic tank is not required.
14. The Board reviewed a passing Title 5 inspection for 29 Flagg Hill Road Extension.
15. The Board received well driller's reports and water tests for wells installed at 17 Colrain Stage Road and 93 Avery Brook Road.
16. A prospective buyer for 182 Flagg Hill Road has asked whether the Board would approve a composting toilet for a cabin beyond the house. The Board felt that this building would require a source of potable water and a gray water system in order to be habitable for longer than 30 days. Betty will get the phone number from Becky and call to try to answer their questions.
17. Jena provided the Board with a copy of the renewal of the Transfer Station Authorization to Operate. The permit expires in 2019, so no action is necessary during the coming fiscal year.
18. Betty reported that she has talked to Paul Nietupski about Smart Growth. There is a provision in Title 5 (310 CMR 15.216) allowing the design flow of 440 gallons per acre to be met with land use restrictions. Developers file an Aggregation Plan and receive DEP approval in order to do this. Bob will mention this to the planning board.
19. Charlemont has a septic installer's test available on line. Betty will look into adapting it for Heath.
20. The Board discussed points to touch on at the All Boards meeting.
21. The Heath school was in session on a day when the oil had run out. The temperature in the building was 65 degrees before students arrived and heat was not provided until almost noon. Becky will speak to the principal and draft a letter to the school reminding them of the state regulations regarding school heat.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Nichols

## DOCUMENTS

Minutes 12/15/10

Letter to Dennis & Dawn Peters, 96 Burrington Road

FY 1998 tax bill for 15 Rowe Road

Draft letter to John Doherty of 14 Mohawk Beach Drive

Report of Appropriations 12/31/10

Budget Memo from Town Coordinator

Memo: Important Dates 2011

Septic Haulers Permit: Bostley Sanitary Service

Title 5 Inspection: 265 Number Nine Road

Title 5 Inspection: 29 Flagg Hill Road Ext.

Well Drillers Report: 17 Colrain Stage Road

Well Drillers Report: 93 Avery Brook Road

Heath – SWM – Transfer Station Authorization to Operate Renewal, November 30, 2009