

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2011

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

Public: Robert McGahan (6:15 – 6:45), Janice Carr (7:10 – 7:30).

Meeting Convened: 6:05 pm

Minutes for the April 29th meeting were unanimously approved.

The Board agreed to sign Robert McGahan's building permit for 51 Colrain Stage Road without requiring a Title 5 inspection, provided that he submit evidence that a deed restriction has been registered. Mr. McGahan told the Board that his lawyer has recommended an affidavit rather than a deed restriction. The Board was not satisfied that the affidavit was an acceptable substitution for the deed restriction required under Title 5. Mr. McGahan will consult his lawyer. The Board reminded him that building the addition without the deed restriction would increase the design flow. Under Title 5 regulations this increase would necessitate bringing the septic system up to current standards.

The Board passed over any discussion of trailer inspection reports and letters, since no progress has been made since the last meeting.

Betty questioned the advisability of requiring septic installers to take the Installers Test if they have been permitted regularly in previous years. The majority of the Board felt that the test should be required of all installers. A letter was signed to Tom Danek requiring him to take the test unless he provides evidence of BCBOHA certification.

The Board signed a Disposal Works Construction Permit for 113 Number Nine Road with the added condition that ballast is added to the septic tank to increase its weight to 12,661 lbs. This will provide a 1.2% margin of error for the buoyancy calculation.

A Perc Request was approved and signed for Laura Ferretti's property at 120 Burrington Road. This parcel is a subdivision of the larger property at that address.

The Board agreed that the Perc Request Form Instructions should direct applicants to the Board of Health for scheduling, rather than to the health agent. Betty has also added her home number to the form. She will make any corrections necessary to the on line form.

Becky signed a letter to the Heath Elementary School requesting that they complete the application for a 2011 Food Permit.

Betty will witness Tom Leue's Title 5 Inspection of 19 Cascade Drive. Mr. Leue did the original inspection on March 22, 2011 without a witness. The Board questioned what normal occupancy meant in the case of a seasonal house. The number of bedrooms was also questioned, given that three trailers are

hooked up to the system and only one bedroom is indicated in the inspection report. It was noted that Tom's sketch of the system differed somewhat from design plans.

Becky reported that the Community Hall has occupancy limits of 150 upstairs and 100 downstairs.

Janice Carr attended the meeting to see if the Board had information on her well. She is having problems with her pump. No records were found.

Becky reported that she has inspected products from Camille's Kitchen and all labels conform to requirements.

Heath's Block Grant Money for home repairs has been exhausted. Karen will determine whether there is any other money available for septic repairs which could be used to resolve the septic issues at 3 Ledges Road.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Nichols

DOCUMENTS

- Minutes: April 29, 2011
- Draft letter to Heath Elementary School regarding Food Permit
- Perc Test Request Form for Laura R. Ferretti at 120 Burrington Road
- Disposal System Construction Permit for Samuel Garofalo & Claudia Johnson at 113
- Draft letter to Tom Danek regarding Installer's Test
- Emails, design plans and building permit for Robert McGahan's property at 51 Colrain Stage Road
- Title 5 Inspection report submitted by Tom Leue for 19 Cascade Drive