

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2011

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

Public: Nicole Zabco (6:04 – 6:45 pm), Claudia Johnson (6:45 – 7:00 pm), Thomas Danek (7:00 – 8:00 pm).

Meeting Convened: 6:04 pm

Minutes for the May 4th meeting were unanimously approved.

Bill schedules for member stipends and printer ink were signed.

Nicole Zabco, Director of the Greenfield Department of Public Health, attended the meeting to discuss the Community Leadership Partnership which the Town of Greenfield is interested in offering to other towns. This program could be developed from the District Planning Grant administered by FRCOG, or could be offered independently. The intent is to provide health inspection services on a fee for service basis. The program is now in the planning stage and will likely not be finalized until fall. What is offered will depend in part on decisions of the Planning Committee for regionalized services. Heath's inspection needs and possible scenerios for service were discussed.

The Board signed a building permit for Claudia Johnson and Sam Garofalo's property at 113 Number Nine Road. Septic plans have previously been approved and a well has been installed and tested.

Robert McGahan has filed a deed restriction for a four bedroom house at 51 Colrain Stage Road. Karen signed the Deed Restriction and Betty signed the building permit.

Jim Gleason's response regarding the status of his trailers was read and noted.

The Board approved the flier that Becky created for Emergency Preparedness. A motion to expend \$250 to print 500 fliers and to pay mailing expensed for 300 fliers was approved unanimously. One hundred dollars of the printing costs will be reimbursed from a grant.

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

Karen informed the Board of action taken by the Town to remove part of the beaver dam on Long Hill Road. The Highway Department cut a controlled breach through the dam to lower the water layer and later removed more of the dam with a backhoe. Karen has concerns about this work and has made Sheila Litchfield (BOS) and David Thane (Conservation Commission) aware of what was done. The beaver expert has noted that the beavers have been able to block the Beaver Deceiver. Karen brought an email from Bill & Jean Gran expressing their desire that the pond be restored to its previous condition as rapidly as possible. The Board reviewed the regulations concerning trapping and dam destruction and concluded that this matter falls under Conservation Commission jurisdiction.

Becky explained that MEPOA will be applying for a permit to trap beavers for ten days. There are three areas of concern:

- Papoose Lake is backing up onto Eileen Tougas property on Swamp Road.
- Florianni's property on Swamp Road is also threatened.
- The presence of beavers may introduce pathogens into the water at Mohawk Beach.

John will inspect the areas in question in anticipation of the permit application.

The Board voted to set the cost of a beaver permit at \$50.00.

The Board voted to appoint Becky as chair for FY 2012. Betty was appointed as clerk. Karen is willing to help with the clerk's duties as need.

The State has requested copies of 2011 beach permits. Betty will send an application to MEPOA with a reminder that water must be tested and the signs must be in place before the permit can be issued.

Peter Simpson is interested in purchasing the Lucianna Ross property at 44 Hosmer Road. The Board agreed that the perc test done in 2008 will be acceptable, pending a site inspection. John will perform the inspection on May 20th. Septic plans designed by Doug McClay in 2008 will have to be resubmitted for approval before a Disposal Works Construction permit can be issued.

The Board voted to set a passing grade of 75 for the septic installers test. Tom Danek took the test during the meeting, but it had not been graded when the passing score was established.

The Town Nurse, Claire Rabbitt, submitted a report to the Board of Health for the month of April.

Betty has received certification as a lead determinator.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Nichols

DOCUMENTS

Minutes: April 29, 2011

Bill Schedules

Copy of Deed Restriction – 51 Colrain Stage Road

Copy of Building Permit – 51 Colrain Stage Road

Beaver permit application and DFW fact sheet

Letter from Jim Gleason

Emergency Preparedness Flier, draft

Perc test for 44 Hosmer Road (2008)

Letter from MDPH/CLPPP regarding lead determinator certification

Email from Bill & Jean Gran regarding Beaver Pond on Long Hill Road