

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2011

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

Public: Steven Rogers (6:04 pm – 6:45 pm).

Meeting Convened: 6:04 pm

Minutes for the May 18th meeting were unanimously approved.

The Board received an application for the MEPOA beach permit. A passing water test has been received and signs will be posted prior to the opening of the beach. The permit was approved and signed.

Mr. Rogers requested a 10 Day Emergency Permit for trapping beavers in Papoose Lake. He said that the beavers were causing the water level to rise and putting strain on the dam. He intends to use Rocky of Problem Wildlife in Greenfield to remove beavers and estimates that 50 beavers could be removed. The Board reviewed MGL Chapter 131, Section 80A and Beavers and the Law: A Citizen's Guide to Addressing Beaver Conflict published by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Betty also spoke to the DFW about the question of beaver removal. The Board requested that MEPOA submit written documentation concerning the threat to the dam and a written proposal for beaver removal prior to making a decision about issuing the permit.

The Board also discussed the breaching of the beaver dam on Long Hill Road. The town had no authority to take this action without permits from the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission. Betty will draft a memo to the Select Board and the Highway Superintendent outlining proper procedure. Bob will call David Thane regarding the role of the Conservation Commission and determine if further discussion with them would be useful.

The Board reviewed the Health Agent hours for April.

The Board received the application for a 2011 Food Permit for the Heath School. The permit was approved and signed.

The Board gave Betty the authority to approve a Perc Request for 4 East Main Street after the Conservation Commission has given their approval. The regular perc fee will be charged, but will be refunded if the town votes to purchase the property.

Becky has printed the Emergency Preparedness flyers and has paid the printing costs. She will submit the printing invoice for grant reimbursement. Fliers will not be mailed until after July 1st. However, money from the FY11 budget will be used for purchase of envelopes.

Purchase of a locking file cabinet was also approved if there is sufficient money in the FY11 budget. The Board hopes to purchase a fire proof cabinet to hold septic plans.

The Board has received no response regarding the failed septic system at 14 Mohawk Beach Drive. A written plan of action was requested by April 1st. Betty will contact Glen for advice on how to proceed.

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

Tom Danek passed the installers test and has been issued a permit.

Betty spoke with Susan Shauger about the repeat Title 5 Inspection required for 264 Number Nine Road. This inspection is scheduled for July. Ms Shauger represents the buyers. The buyers have no knowledge about whether the house was occupied prior to the sale. Ms Shauger expects that the seller will pay the cost of a repeat inspection.

Betty received a complaint about the junked cars in the yard at 166 Hosmer Road. Bob and John will inspect the property prior to the next meeting.

The tight tanks at Mohawk Estates filled with ground water over the winter. Betty will draft a letter to the association requesting that they take some action to have the leaks repaired. Betty will also request Superior Septic to separately list volumes pumped from each tank on the pumping report so that it will be easier to track what is happening. She will also consult Glen regarding remedies for this situation.

The Board received a septic pumping report for 273 Number Nine Road.

The DEP is advising that Boards of Health confirm that well drillers hold state certification prior to issuing well drilling permits.

Becky plans to conduct food inspections at Peters Store, the Community Hall and the Heath Elementary School on June 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Nichols

DOCUMENTS

Minutes: May 18, 2011

MEPOA Application for a Permit to Operate a Bathing Beach

Beach Water Test Result: MEPOA

MEPOA Beach Permit

MGL Chapter 131, Section 80A

Beavers and the Law: A Citizen's Guide to Addressing Beaver Conflict

Health Agent hours: 4/1/11 – 4/30/11

Food Establishment Permit Application: Heath Elementary School

2011 Food Permit: Heath Elementary School

Emergency Preparedness Flier, draft

Letter from DEP regarding well driller certification

System Pumping Report: 273 Number Nine Road

System Pumping Report: MEPOA tight tanks