

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2011

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

Public: Steven Rogers (6:00 pm – 6:15 pm)

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

Minutes for the July 6th meeting were unanimously approved.

The bill schedule for the filing cabinet was resubmitted with the credit card number on the invoice highlighted. Karen may need to submit a credit card statement if this is not acceptable to the accountant.

The Board agreed that it was appropriate that Karen should be reimbursed \$50.00 for money spent for gas & labor to move the filing cabinets.

The Board reviewed the email sent by Doug MacLeay regarding the local upgrade request for repair of the septic system at 44 Hosmer Road. The estimated cost increase came between \$3,000 and \$7,500 depending on whether the increased elevation would require a pumped system. The Board approved and signed both the local upgrade and the disposal system construction permit.

The Board discussed the Order to Correct for 159 Number Nine Road. Betty and John re inspected the property on July 19th to determine whether the 48 hour repairs had been completed. Betty reported that there were GFCI outlets installed in the kitchen, the bathroom GFCI outlet had not yet been installed because of other work being done in that area. The tenant had a key giving him access to the boiler shutoff switch and circuit breakers on a temporary basis, the smoke detectors were operational and two CO detectors had been installed. The hot water temperature had not been adjusted according to the tenant. In addition, the front entry violations had been corrected including installation of a hand rail and balusters and a screen door. Work to repair the bathroom floor had been started, but halted by the tenant. The bathroom fixtures could not be used, but the tenant had access to bathrooms in the basement and top floor. Karen will contact the landlord, Dorene Hanley, and make her aware of the hot water issue and concerns about the flooring. Betty has checked with Glen about the need to provide the tenant with alternative housing while the bathroom is being repaired and whether there are any mold issues that the Board should address. The Board concludes that it is not their responsibility to require alternate housing and that since the issue of chronic dampness in the bathroom is being corrected, there is no further action that needs to be taken by the Board regarding possible mold.

Steven Rogers applied for a Disposal System Construction Permit to remove the fill and risers from the top of the tight tanks at Mohawk Estates and install the original concrete manhole covers. A curtain drain will be installed south and west of the tanks and be connected to existing drainage on Mohawk Beach Drive. The tanks will be pumped at the end of the season to allow detection of any infiltration during the winter and spring. The Board authorized Betty to sign the permit after she has verified that the Board has jurisdiction and not DEP. Steve will provide the Board with a copy of the pressure test conducted by Washburn Vault, since we are unable to locate a copy in our files.

The Board discussed issues with the purchase of a fire proof filing cabinet for septic plans. The Board will wait for advice from the Select Board and Space Task Force committee before deciding what to do. The Board plans to discuss thinning the files at the next meeting.

Betty reported that the property at 265 Number Nine Road passed a repeat Title 5 Inspection. This inspection was required because the house had been unoccupied for some time at the time of the first inspection.

Karen will draft letters regarding trailer inspection issues.

Becky reported that the responsibility for transfer stations has now returned to DEP.

Becky read the nurse's report.

Karen and Betty will complete and submit the space task force questionnaire.

The Board received an insurance claim report for 51 Colrain Stage Road.

The Board reviewed MEPOA beach water testing reports and a routine water test conducted at the Fairgrounds. Becky noted that it is our responsibility to post beach closings.

Becky plans to talk to the select board about the Reverse 911 contract.

The Board noted the error in the clerk's salary that is being corrected by a transfer of funds.

Meeting adjourned 6:33 pm.

DOCUMENTS

Minutes: July 6, 2011

Bill Schedules for filing cabinets

Email from Doug MacLeay concerning the septic repair at 44 Hosmer Road.

Disposal System Construction Permit Application – 44 Hosmer Road

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Local Upgrade Application– 44 Hosmer Road

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Email from Glen Ayers regarding housing issues

Disposal Works Construction Permit – repair to MEPOA tight tanks

Letter from Kathy Bridges to Steven Rogers regarding MEPOA tight tank remediation

Copies of original plans and installation photographs for MEPOA tight tanks.

Papoose Lake water testing reports: 7/05/11 & 7/11/11

Heath Agricultural Society water testing 6/6/11

Housing Inspection Report: 159 Number Nine Road

Order to Correct: 159 Number Nine Road

Nurse's report

