

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2011

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

Public: Gary Clark (6:15pm – 7:50 pm).

Meeting called to order: 6:05 pm.

Minutes for the July 20th meeting were unanimously approved.

Karen must submit a receipt to receive reimbursement for the filing cabinets. The accountant will not accept an invoice.

The Board has received a letter from Michael Beausoleil verifying that the septic system at 265 Number Nine Road passed a Title 5 reinspection on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Board considered issues between the tenant and the landlord at 159 Number Nine Road. These issues include the tenant's request for a mold inspection and difficulties experienced by that the landlord and contractors in gaining access to the bathroom to complete repairs ordered by the Board. The landlord phoned Monday, August 1, and left a message on the voice mail saying that the tenant was still not allowing the contractors to work in the bathroom. The tenant, Gary Clark, attended the meeting. He explained that he had agreed to allow the workmen into the apartment on Monday, August 1. He said that he arrived about half an hour late and found them waiting in the driveway. When they resumed work, he felt that they were not taking proper precautions when removing things from the bathroom. He began to photograph and video tape them. They stopped work and left. The Board voted unanimously to issue an Order to Allow Access to the tenant.

Betty reported that she had attended a Title 5 inspection at 93 Colrain Stage Road. Both septic tanks were below the outlet invert and appear to be leaking. The owner is interested in abandoning one tank and replacing the other. This is a pumped system. Betty is sending her the DSCP application and lists of designers and installers.

A perc test report was received from Lisa Danek Burke for Carol Anne Eldridge's property on Hosmer Road. Betty did not have the opportunity to review it prior to the meeting.

Trailer inspection issues were tabled until the next meeting. Karen will prepare letters concerning various violations and present them at the next meeting for approval. These letters will address issues such as abandoned trailers, trash and questionable septic disposal.

The Board received a copy of the MEPOA tight tank pressure test conducted by Washburn Vault in July of 2007. Karen will contact Jeff Simmons and verify that it was witnessed by the Board.

The Board discussed the wooden desk now holding the desktop computer. The Board is willing to share both the computer and the desk space with other boards, but does not want to relinquish the desk entirely.

Heidi Griswold wants to construct a house on an existing foundation that now supports the double wide trailer where she resides. She would like to remove the trailer and connect the new house to the existing septic system. The Board agreed that this would not require a Title 5 inspection as long as the number of bedrooms does not increase.

John Kelley wants to sell two lots at 18 Mohawk Beach Drive. There is a septic system on the property, but no house. The system has not been used in some time. Mr. Kelley wants to know if he needs to do a Title 5 inspection to sell the property. The Board felt that, generally speaking, the Title 5 inspection should be required since there was no certainty about how the system would be used in the future. However, there was concern that the town bylaws prohibit attaching a new trailer to the existing septic system. In this case, the system might need to be disabled. Bob will discuss this with Calvin Carr (Planning Board) and let Betty know the upshot so that she can advise the homeowner of the status of his inquiry.

David Freeman needs to repeat the perc test on his property on Eight A North because of wetlands issues. He requested that he be allowed to conduct the perc outside of the perc season so that he could begin construction this year. The Board felt that it would not be possible to waive the perc season for a single individual, but is willing to entertain further discussion on whether it should be revoked.

The Board discussed the Community Septic Management Program. There are concerns that membership in this program would be too time consuming for town staff. Money for septic repair is still available from the Housing Authority on a revolving schedule.

The Board received results of the July 18, 2011 water test for Mohawk Beach.

The Board received an invoice for pumping the Heath Union Church tight tank on July 25, 2011 and a tank pumping report for 143 Number Nine Road.

The Board discussed the need to sign off on a building permit using the new on line system. Betty will obtain a password and approved the permit for 113 Number Nine Road.

Becky noted that the Monroe property at 7 Shawnee Drive is now for sale. The Board has never been fully satisfied that the septic tank repair has stopped the tank from leaking.

Temporary food permits were signed for David Gott's Blueberry Jubilee for the weekend of August 6<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Smoothie for the weekend of the Heath Fair.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm

## DOCUMENTS

Minutes: July 20, 2011

Bill Schedules for filing cabinets

Papoose Lake water testing reports: 7/18/11

Septic tank pumping report: 143 Number Nine Road  
Tight tank pumping invoice: Heath Union Church  
Housing Inspection Report: 159 Number Nine Road  
Draft Order to Allow Access: 159 Number Nine Road  
Vacuum Test Report: Mohawk Estates Tight Tanks  
Perc Test Report: West Hosmer Road