

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2011

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

Public: Gary Clark (6:04 – 6:20).

Meeting convened 6:04.

Minutes for the August 3rd meeting were unanimously approved with amendments.

The Board has received a Title 5 report from Michael Beausoleil indicating a conditional pass for the septic system at 93 Colrain Stage Road. Septic tanks are leaking and the pump alarm is not functional. There is also a garbage grinder on this system.

Gary Clark, the tenant at 159 Number Nine Road, requested a hearing regarding the Order to Allow Access issued by the Board. He was advised that this request needs to be submitted in writing within seven days after the day the order was served. The Board tentatively scheduled the hearing date for August 31, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

The Board discussed whether the septic system at 18 Mohawk Beach Drive requires a Title 5 inspection upon sale of the property. The planning board has indicated that this is an illegal system that cannot be used. The Board agreed that the property owner must either submit a Title 5 inspection or have the tank pumped and crushed. It will be up to the owner to decide which action to take. Karen wants the Board to meet with the Planning Board to further discuss town regulations governing septic systems installed for camper/trailer use.

The Board noted that David Freeman approached the Select Board to request a waiver of the perc season for his property on Eight A North. The Board has no information regarding the outcome of that discussion.

Trailer inspection issues were tabled until the next meeting. Betty gave Karen a rough draft of a letter and she will revise it and present one or more letters to the Board at the next meeting for approval. These letters will address issues such as abandoned trailers, trash and questionable septic disposal.

Karen contacted Jeff Simmons regarding witnessing of the MEPOA tight tank pressure test conducted by Washburn Vault in July of 2007. Jeff did not witness the pressure test, in spite of the fact that he is listed as a witness. Karen will contact Jeff Peck on this matter.

Betty will inform Kara that the Board wants to retain the wooden desk and attached shelves and request that she notify the space task force committee.

Becky said that the Select Board has instructed her that the Code Red contract cannot be signed by the Board of Health. The Board of Health was named as the contract holder rather than the Town of Heath in

order to save approximately \$1,000 in additional charges, as was noted in the written proposal submitted to the select board last spring. It is not clear how this will be resolved. Meanwhile, the Board of Health has invested \$250 in fliers designed to inform residents about the system and accepted a \$100 grant for this purpose.

The Board received results of the water tests for Mohawk Beach for samples taken July 25, 2011, August 1, 2011 and August 8, 2011.

The Board received water test for the Heath Fairgrounds sampled on July 5, 2011.

The Board signed Temporary Food Permits for Heath Fair vendors. Becky said that only two applications were submitted with complete paperwork before the application deadline. Vendors with missing paperwork will be charged an extra \$25.00 when the inspections are conducted.

Becky submitted an food inspection report for David Gott's Blueberry Jubilee.

The Board received a dog bite report and took no action. The dog's owner was apparently bitten.

#### DOCUMENTS

Minutes: August 3, 2011

Papoose Lake water testing reports: July 25, 2011, August 1, 2011 and August 8, 2011.

Heath Fairgrounds water test: July 5, 2011.

Temporary food permit application: Benson Place, August 4, 2011.

Food inspection: Benson Place, August 4, 2011.

Domestic animal bite report: Hillary Black

Order to Allow Access: 159 Number Nine Road

Title 5 Inspection report: 93 Colrain Stage Road