

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2011

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

Public: William Gran (7:00 pm – 7:30 pm).

Meeting Convened: 6:04 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Minutes from the meeting on 08/03/2011 were unanimously approved.
2. The housing situation at 159 Number Nine Road was reviewed. The Board has received emails from Dorene Hanley indicating that workmen were unable to enter the Clark's apartment for scheduled delivery of a stove and to complete plumbing work in the bathroom. The Board has not received a written hearing request from Gary Clark regarding the Order to Allow Access. Betty will consult Glen about the need to enforce the Order to Correct should the apartment become vacant and Karen will consult Charlie Kanecki on this question.
3. The Board approved a draft letter to Francis Kelley regarding the septic system at 18 Mohawk Beach Drive. The letter advises Mr. Kelley that when the property is sold, the system will either require a Title 5 inspection or must be abandoned following the procedure required by Title 5.
4. The Board has received a perc test report and design plans for repair of a septic system at 96 Taylor Brook Road. The Board voted to allow Betty and Karen to review the plans and approve them before the next meeting so that the work could be completed before funding is withdrawn.
5. The Board considered the request from Henry Kocot and Douglas MacLeay that the installer's test be waived for Kocot, based on the fact that two employees hold Title 5 Inspector's licenses and that Kocot is an experienced, reputable firm recommended by Doug MacLeay. The Board felt that the exam could not be waived for some installers, regardless of the excellence of their work. Becky will consult other towns about how they handle this and Betty will write a letter advising Kocot of the Board's decision.
6. William Gran requested a Ten Day Emergency Beaver Permit to reinstall the beaver deceiver at the pond on Long Hill Road. The request was signed by all property owners of the pond. The Board granted the permit based on Chapter 131 Section 80A (d): beaver or muskrat-caused flooding of a public or private way, driveway, railway or airport runway or taxi-way. In favor of granting the permit: Betty, Becky & John. Karen abstained as an abutter.
7. Betty has completed entering the trailer inspection information in the data base. The Board reviewed computer generated lists of Ten Worst and Abandoned, Derelict or Uninhabitable. There are some errors in the data that need to be corrected. Karen & John will reinspect the properties on the list and Betty will correct the data to reflect their findings. Betty will finish creating lists and work on letters addressing various problems.
8. Robert Bourke has submitted a letter of resignation to the Board of Health.
9. Becky noted that Sue Gruen complained to her about the dogs at 3 Ledges Road. Ms Gruen felt that the dogs were not properly immunized against rabies and that one of them had bitten someone. The Board felt that immunizations were the responsibility of the licensing authority

and dog officer. Having not received a dog bite report or complaint from the person bitten, the Board felt they could take no action on the dog bite complaint.

10. Becky has signed a Reverse 911 contract agreed to by the Select Board.
11. Becky met with the Select Board, Highway Superintendent, Police Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator on August 28th to regarding the hurricane response. It was decided not to open the shelter.
12. The Board approved Betty's registration for a Title 5 Seminar offered by WMPHA on October 12th.
13. David Gott's property at 182 Flagg Hill Road passed a Title 5 inspection on August 24th.
14. The Board voted to purchase 20 doses of flu vaccine for the town nurse to augment the 40 doses that will be supplied by the state. The amount provided by the state is less than in previous years.
15. The Board reviewed state correspondence regarding the correct method of shipping rabies samples.
16. The Board reviewed state correspondence regarding use of the MAVEN system. Becky receives notification of cases of communicable disease through the system and will forward them to the Board.
17. The Board received beach testing reports for Mohawk Estates for the dates of 8/23/11 and 9/2/11.
18. The Board received a pumping report for the tight tanks at Mohawk Estates.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Nichols

DOCUMENTS

Minutes 08/17/11

Application for 10-Day Emergency Beaver or Muskrat Permit

10-Day Emergency Beaver or Muskrat Permit

Guidance for Boards of Health Implementing MGL c.131, s80A Threats from Beaver & Muskrat related Activities.

Perc Test Report – 96 Taylor Brook Road

Papoose Lake water testing reports: August 15, 2011, August 22, 2011 & September 2, 2011.

Title 5 Inspection Report – 182 Flagg Hill Road.

Draft letter to Fran Kelley – 18 Mohawk Beach Dr.

Letter of Resignation from Robert Bourke

Lists of Camper Trailers needing further attention.

Memo from Bureau of Infectious Disease regarding new regulations directing the use of MAVEN by local boards of health.

Memo from Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention regarding rabies specimen shipping & handling.