

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2011

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

Public: David Freeman (6:45 pm – 7:00 pm), Claire Rabbitt (8:15-8:20 pm).

Meeting Convened: 6:05 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Minutes from the meeting on 09/07/2011 were unanimously approved with corrections.
2. Bills were approved for the 2nd quarter payment for the Health Agent and reimbursement to Betty for enrollment in a Title 5 Seminar.
3. The grant application for the Emergency Notification flier was resubmitted to the accountant.
4. The Board reviewed the report & cover letter for the housing inspection done at 159 Number Nine Road on September 12th. Copies of reports will be mailed to Dorene Hanley and Gary Clark.
5. The Board reviewed Glen's recommendations for septic plans at 96 Taylor Brook Road. Glen has recommended requiring a minimum tank weight/buoyancy ratio of 1.25 and Lisa Danek Burke has responded. Betty will forward Lisa's email to Glen. Tom Danek will be added to the form as the installer and a sieve analysis and bill of lading will be required within 48 hours of delivery of the material. Betty is authorized to sign the DSCP pending a response from Glen.
6. The Board reconsidered the request from Henry Kocot and Douglas MacLeay that the installer's test be waived for Kocot. Becky has asked other towns how they handle this situation and the response has been mixed. The Board reviewed the request and concluded that the exam could not be waived for some and not for others. Becky signed a letter to Kocot advising them of our decision. Karen has offered to bring the test to them so that they will not have to drive to Heath to take it.
7. Betty has updated the addresses in the data base and created lists for several inspection categories. Karen and John have re-inspected a number of properties on the Ten Worst and Abandoned Properties list. Three Wigwam Drive will be removed from the list.
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NEW BUSINESS:

9. The Board approved a Well Permit for David Freeman's property on Route 8A
10. The Board closed the Beach at Papoose Lake after being informed by MEPOA that the E coli count exceeded the state limit following the hurricane. The Beach was closed on September 9th and the closing was reported to the MA Dept of Public Health Bathing Beach coordinator.

The Board later received the beach testing report for Mohawk Estates for the sample taken on 9/6/11. The lab reported 249 E coli/100 ml, exceeding the limit of 235.

11. The Board received pumping reports for 82 Rte 8A South, 117 Colrain Stage Rd, 24 West Main house & shop and the Heath Union Church tight tank.
12. A drinking water test for the Heath Agricultural Society was reported for a sample taken on 8/8/11.
13. The annual form reporting children's camps in Heath has been submitted to the state. There are no camps to report.
14. The Board received the annual inventory of Public Water Systems from DEP. The contact information requested by the state has been provided.
15. The Town Nurse, Claire Rabbitt, informed the Board that state supplied flu shots can only be given to uninsured and underinsured individuals and children under the age of 18. Additional vaccine purchased by the Board will be available to homebound elderly residents who may not meet the above criteria and others needing a flu shot.
16. Becky has spoken with Elizabeth Buxtun, Food Service Coordinator for the Mohawk School District. The Food Permit issued to the Heath school is missing. Becky advised her that since the person in charge at the Heath school cafeteria has changed, a new permit will be required.
17. MAHB is offering it's annual certification classes at the Bluebonnet in Northampton on October 22nd. The fee is \$15.00. Betty, Becky & Karen hope to attend.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Nichols

DOCUMENTS

Minutes 09/07/11

Bill Schedule – FRCOG payment for Heath Agent – 2nd quarter FY12

Bill Schedule – reimbursement for Title 5 Seminar fee

Housing Inspection report & cover letter for 159 Number Nine Road

Draft letter to Henry Kocot

Email from Lisa Danek Burke regarding 96 Taylor Brook Road

Papoose Lake water testing reports: September 6, 2011.

Report to DPH of Beach closing.

David Freeman Well Drilling Permit Application and Well Drilling Permit for property at Route 8A.

Septic Pumping Reports: 82 Rte 8A South, 117 Colrain Stage Rd, 24 West Main house & shop, Heath Union Church tight tank.

Drinking water test for Heath Agricultural Society, August 8, 2011

DEP 2011 Annual Notice to Local Boards of Health regarding Public Water Supplies