

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2010

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

Absent: Robert Bourke

Meeting Convened: 6:02 pm

Minutes were unanimously approved with revisions. Moved: Karen Brooks. Second: John Doherty.

Two temporary occupancy permits for Harry Hall at 24 Navaho Lane were issued.

The Board discussed how to treat late applicants for Temporary Occupancy Permits. For the present new owners and new trailers will pay the \$50 fee for the entire permit period. All permits will be issued for the same two year period that begins on March first. No prorating will be offered.

The Board signed a letter to Glen Ayers requesting that he complete monthly time sheets and I/A Reports. The second quarter payment to the FRCOG for the health agent will not be approved by the Board until these reports are received. The letter was copied to Phoebe Walker and the Heath Board of Selectmen.

There is no new information on the progress of the septic system being installed at 34 Royer Road for Matthew Lynde and Laura Gowdy. Karen will try to get a progress report for the next meeting.

Betty researched the ammonia limit quoted in the Berkshire Environmental lab report. The limit that they quoted does not appear in the 2010 Standards & Guidelines for Contaminants in Drinking Water or in the EPA's list of drinking water contaminants. Betty contacted Berkshire Environmental who said that the .05 ppm ammonia limit was an old public health number and that a higher ammonia reading is of concern if the nitrate or nitrite levels are also high. Karen has discussed this result with Camille who has some concerns.

The Board discussed whether Camille's Kitchen was correctly labeling baked goods. Goods being sold at Avery's Store do not have an ingredient list attached to the products. Becky will inspect the labeling of baked goods being sold at Peter's Store and discuss labeling requirements with Camille.

Glen Ayers has reported on the installation of the septic tank at the 27 Underwood Hill Road property formerly owned by Smead Hillman. The old leach field was located in the driveway in the spot where the new septic tank was installed. Glen reported that the ESHWT might be within a foot of the influent opening of the new septic tank. Four inches of cement was poured over the tank to reduce buoyancy and increase the strength rating. Mark Thompson has recalculated buoyancy based on the new information and finds that the septic tank and pump chamber meet requirements.

Karen inspected the septic tank at the Monroe property at 3 Shawnee Drive. This property had a leaking septic tank that was repaired this summer. On October 8, 2010 Karen and Bob found that the level in the tank was about 2 inches below the outlet. She re inspected it on October 12th after the Monroes had been up for the weekend and found that the tank was full. She will re inspect it again prior to the next meeting. Any drop in level will be indicative of leakage.

The Board sent a letter to Edward & Margaret Boudreau at 144 Branch Hill Road regarding a Title 5 inspection done in 2008. At this time the washing machine was not hooked up to the septic system. The Board is enquiring whether this has since been corrected.

The Board sent a letter to Cheryl Woodard at 3 Ledges Road informing her of money available from the Housing Authority to repair septic systems. This system is known to be in failure.

Karen and Bob inspected the King property at 25 Papoose Lake Drive on October 8th. They observed a corrugated 4" pipe running along the ground. The interior of the pipe and the outlet area were completely clean. They noticed lots of garden hoses on the ground. Some of these supply water from the well to the trailers, but other may have been used for gray water discharge. During the inspection they were not connected to the trailers. Betty will draft a letter reminding the Kings that gray water cannot be discharged to the ground.

Becky reported that she has been advised that informing complainants of actions taken by the Board is not mandatory, but it is recommended for good public relations.

Becky reported that she observed a pipe at 17 Shawnee Drive that appeared to be hooked to a trailer over the weekend. This pipe was removed when the occupants left. Karen is also concerned that the drum formerly used to disperse gray water should be crushed and filled to avoid creating a hazard. Karen will reinspect this property and make recommendations.

Betty reported that she has designed a form to enter the Temporary Occupancy Permit inspection data in the computer program. She will meet with Karen on October 22nd to discuss what revisions may be needed. The Board discussed which types of issues should be addressed and which should be ignored. Betty stressed that it was important to decide this up front, so that relevant issues could be flagged when the data is entered. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Betty reported that Michael Gold of 1 & 2 Sioux Circle had left a voice message regarding the letter that we sent about securing his trailer doors and removing or repairing the collapsed trailer. He said that he planned to address these issues on October 16th. Karen will inspect for the next meeting.

The board reviewed salary statements for the clerk & the nurse.

Pumping reports were received from Superior Septic for properties at 34 Royer Road, 43 Avery Brook Road and 56 Avery Brook Road.

A passing Title 5 inspection was received for the Wayne and Robin Clark property at 92 Branch Hill Road.

The Board signed a perc request approval for the Carol Anne Eldridge at 84 Hosmer Road.

The Board reviewed septic plans for new construction on the property owned by Sam Garofalo and Claudia Johnson at 113 Number Nine Road. The Board wants the designer, Lisa Danek Burke, to indicate that the clean sand required for the raised mound should meet the sieve requirements of 310 CMR 15.255. The Board feels that it is the designer's responsibility to make this clear on the plans for the installer's benefit. Betty will contact Lisa and advise her of this requirement and the fact that the DCW permit fee is still \$50 short. Betty will also forward a copy of the plans to Glen for his approval. The Board authorized Betty to sign the permit when these issues have all been resolved.

The Board has received a letter from the state requesting the annual Beach Report. Betty said that normally this report is submitted by Berkshire Environmental and that we have already submitted the permitting information earlier in the year. Betty will call Berkshire Environmental to confirm that they are sending the report and request that they also send a copy to the Board.

Becky report that there is a flu clinic scheduled for Saturday 10am – 2 pm. Board members are invited to volunteer to assist.

Tim Lively will be holding shelter training on Tuesday, October 26 at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center. Betty and Becky will be attending and Karen will try to attend.

John and Karen must complete state required on line ethics training.

John & Karen must also get ICS 100 & 700 training. If this is not done on line prior to December 16th, they must attend the mandatory training that the town is holding on Thursday, December 16th from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Nichols

DOCUMENTS:

Temporary Occupancy Permits: Harry Hall, 25 Navaho Lane. Filed: Navaho Lane

Draft letter to Glen Ayers dated 10/20/10. Filed: Health Agent

Underwood Hill Rd, Heath – email from Glen Ayers 10/19/10. Filed: 27 Underwood Hill.

Draft letter to Margaret & Edward Boudreau, 144 Branch Hill Road.

Draft letter to Cheryl Woodard, 3 Ledges Road. Also reviewed pictures & documents in 3 Ledges Road file.

Phone log: Michael Gold, 1 Sioux Circle.

Salary Statements for Clerk & Nurse from Town Coordinator.

Pumping Reports from Superior Septic: 34 Royer Road, 43 Avery Brook Road & 56 Avery Brook Road.

Title 5 Inspection: Wayne & Robin Clark, 92 Branch Hill Road.

Perc Request Application: Carol Anne Eldridge, Hosmer Road.

Septic design plans for Sam Garofalo & Claudia Johnson at 113 Number Nine Road.