

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2010

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

Absent: Karen Brooks

Meeting Convened: 6:00 pm

Approval of minutes was tabled until the next meeting so that motions and lists of documents could be added.

The bill schedule was signed to reimburse Betty for Soil Evaluator training.

Betty has passed the Housing Inspection training.

Bob expressed an interest in becoming Servsafe certified. Becky will email him training information.

The Board tabled approval of the second quarter FRCOG payment for the Health Agent pending receipt of the I/A reports for inspections conducted in June. The selectmen have indicated that they support the Board on this matter.

Karen checked with the Housing Authority after the last meeting and they were still waiting for DEP approval before proceeding with the well and septic repairs at 34 Royer Road. Bob will inspect the tank to see if there is any discharge.

The Board has not received the paperwork for the Certificate of Compliance for the septic system installed at 27 Underwood Hill Road. The Board feels that designers and installers should submit required paperwork directly to the Board rather than to the Health Agent so that the agent's time is devoted to more important matters. The Board also anticipates that some future inspections may be done by BOH members. Betty will draft a letter to Glen indicating our policy on these matters.

The Board noted that Glen is billing for his training hours. Betty will draft a letter to Phoebe Walker questioning whether this is appropriate.

Karen inspected the septic tank at 3 Shawnee Drive on October 22nd and found that it was full. Betty will notify the Monroes that they can cover it for the winter. The Board still has some concerns about the tank and may want to inspect it next summer.

Karen inspected the underground tank at 17 Shawnee Drive that was formally used for gray water disposal. She could only feel the opening but guessed that it was large. The Board will table further action on this matter unless there are further complaints.

Betty spoke with Margaret Boudreau at 144 Branch Hill Road concerning the fact that a Title 5 inspection done in 2008 indicated that the washing machine was not hooked up to the septic system. Ms Boudreau said that Ward Plumbing had corrected this problem in 2008 and Betty confirmed this with the plumber. This matter is therefore resolved.

Betty reported that the oil spill at 3 Ledges Road which was discovered in 2002 is still an open matter for DEP. Betty contacted DEP's Financial Inability Program regarding this property. DEP has promised to send an email explaining the current status of the property. Betty has notified the Housing Authority and will forward future information. FRCOG apparently has access to Brownfield funds if the oil spill was not caused by the current owner. Becky is trying to identify the resident who represents the Brownfield program in Heath.

Betty submitted the septic plans for 113 Number Nine Road to Glen for review. Glen questioned the lack of buoyancy calculations. These calculations were subsequently submitted by the designer, Lisa Danek Burke, at Betty's request. Glen feels that the ratio of tank weight to water weight should be at least 1.2 as a safety factor in case the ESHGW exceeds the soil evaluator's estimate. Lisa feels that this is an unnecessary expense for the homeowner. There does not appear to be any legal requirement specifying an acceptable ratio. The Board will not require the weight of the tank to be increased in this situation, but will further research the issue to see if any change in policy is warranted. Betty will inform Lisa of this decision. As a condition of the Construction Permit, the Board will require that the clean sand required for the raised mound should meet the sieve requirements of 310 CMR 15.255 and that a sieve analysis and bill of lading be submitted. Since the additional \$50 for the Disposal Construction Works permit has not been received, the permit has not been issued.

The Board is sending a letter to Francis & Edward King regarding 25 Papoose Lake Drive to remind them that gray water must be disposed of in accordance with Title 5. This property was inspected recently following a complaint about a pipe.

John inspected the property at 1 Sioux Circle owned by Michael Gold. John found that the junk trailer has been removed and the open door secured. He noted that the grounds are still shabby but that grounds clean up was not requested by the Board. The Board is satisfied that their concerns have been addressed and will not take further action.

The Board will send a letter to Bruce & Theresa Dearborn at 23 Westbrook Drive requesting removal of debris that remains after the Fire Department conducted a controlled burn of a trailer.

Becky has talked to Camille Freeman about state requirements for labeling food sold at Peter's Store. Camille has promised to have pies sold in Heath correctly labeled with ingredients and allergen warnings by November 12th.

Betty reported that the perc request for the Eldridge property at 84 Hosmer Road is most likely for new construction. She has left a phone message for the owner and had no response. The permit will be mailed with an accompanying letter advising Ms Eldridge that she can only perform the perc test during the perc season.

Betty contacted Berkshire Environmental regarding the Beach report. They will mail the report to the state and we will receive a copy eventually. Becky will call them to verify that the state report will be received within 30 days of the close of the Beach.

The Board reviewed the Temporary Occupancy Inspection form that Betty has created for the computer data base. Betty will add check boxes for ancillary buildings, abandoned trailers, and issues

requiring immediate attention. Betty will create an additional paper form where these issues can be noted. John will review the inspection reports and check off the appropriate boxes on the new forms.

John reported that one of the magnetic car signs owned by the Board of Health was lost when it fell off his door.

Becky noted that new owners and owners of new trailers are not informed that Temporary Occupancy permits are required. Becky will create a list of new owners and new trailers and Betty will mail them permit applications. Betty will periodically check the Registry of Deeds website to insure that new owners obtain occupancy permits and Title 5 inspections if required. John noted that a publication entitled Banker & Tradesman also publishes property transfers statewide.

Kathy Bridges submitted perc reports for David Freeman's property at Number Nine Road, Kelleher at West Branch Road and John Doherty at 23 Mohawk Beach Drive. The latter two percs were failing tests performed in 2001 on properties that had previously failed.

Glen has initiated a program for addressing hoarding issues. The Board reviewed the flier.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm. Moved: John Doherty. Second: Elizabeth Nichols.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Nichols

DOCUMENTS:

- LDB Engineering Tank Buoyancy Force Analysis and related emails from Lisa & Glen- filed: 113 No 9 Rd folder.
- Perc Tests submitted by Kathy Bridges: (filed: Perc Tests)
 - David (& Mike) Freeman, 1300040001458000, Eight A North, 6/24/10
 - Margaret Kelleher, 1300040001110000, West Branch Road, 6/18/2001
 - John Doherty, 14 Mohawk Beach Dr., 11/20/2001
- FRCOG Invoice 946
 - FRCOG Regional Health Agent Services – timesheets for July – October, filed: Health Agent
 - Regional Health Inspection Professional Services Agreement By and Between the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the Town of Heath. Filed: FRCOG Contract.
- 34 Royer Road etc - email received from Karen Brooks. Filed: 34 Royer Rd, 3 Shawnee Dr, 17 Shawnee Dr.
- Underwood Hill Road, Heath – email from Glen Ayers concerning 27 Underwood Hill Rd. Filed: 27 Underwood Hill Rd.
- Draft letter to Francis King regarding 25 Papoose Lake Dr. Filed: Unresolved camper trailer issues.
- Draft letter to Bruce & Theresa Dearborn regarding 23 Westbrook Dr. Filed: Unresolved camper trailer issues.
- Letter to Michael Gold regarding 1 Sioux Circle. Filed: Sioux Circle.
- Perc Test Request form: Carol Anne Eldridge, Hosmer Road. Filed: Perc Requests 2010.