

**TOWN OF HOLLISTON
BOARD OF HEALTH**

MINUTES OF MEETING March 3, 2008

Chairperson Anita Ballesteros called the meeting to order at 7:30 with Elizabeth Theiler and Richard Maccagnano present. Ann McCobb was absent.

The agenda was changed.

In the package is a draft letter to Covanta for the 3/17/08 meeting asking Covanta to prepare a response on how to address the remaining points in the radiation protocol. Ann McCobb emailed letter to Anita Ballesteros. It will be reviewed at the appropriate time during this meeting.

Septic Variance Hearing 17 Marked Tree Rd –

Joe Nihill of GLM Engineering presented upgrade for existing failed septic system. Issue for this property is the soil conditions which is typical for this neighborhood. Estimated high groundwater is at approximately 3 ft below grade with a perc rate of 30 min/inch. There is a need for a rather large area for the system . What Joe Nihill thought would be best for the property is a long system, using infiltrator chambers, and bed configuration and a retaining wall.

The system as designed will be better able to fit in with the topography than a trench system. A trench system would require a wider system. One waiver would be to ask for a groundwater waiver from 4 ft to 3ft. It would allow system to be maintained as a gravity system, blend with the existing topography, not alter the drainage pattern and is a major cost difference in the height of the wall to be built and the amount of sewer gravel being brought in. Drainage will go to the back of the property as it does currently. No abutters were present. John True, homeowner, was present. He has explained to his rear neighbor regarding the neighbors concern about leakage from the wall. John explained that it is built with an impervious barrier. Discussion continued.

Rich Maccagnano **motioned** to grant a variance for 3ft above seasonal high groundwater as opposed to 4ft required. **2nd**: Anita Ballesteros. Two in favor. Elizabeth Theiler abstained.

Administrative Items:

Bills – SEA from reserve fund transfer request. Previously approved 2/12/08. Funds have now been transferred for payment. The invoice was signed.

Minutes –

2/22/08 - **Motion** to accept minutes of 2/22/08 by Anita Ballesteros. **2nd**: Rich Maccagnano. All in favor.

2/4/08 – A number of corrections were discussed. Elizabeth Theiler states that a correction needs to be made to a discussion with Rita Bell. Elizabeth Theiler would like to quote the Town By-laws that “No land within any district in the town shall be used for collection, treatment, storage, burial, incineration, or disposal of radioactive waste.”

Motion to accept minutes of 2/4/08 with corrections by Anita Ballesteros. **2nd**: Rich Maccagnano. All in favor.

11/19/07 – Elizabeth Theiler would like more time to review the 11/19/07 minutes.

12/3/07 - Elizabeth Theiler would like more time to review the 12/3/07 minutes.

Letter to Covanta -

Discussion ensued regarding list of requirements for Covanta. It was agreed by all that the Board of Health (BOH) has not been receiving the storm water runoff data on a regular basis. Rich Maccagnano disagrees with Elizabeth Theiler and Anita Ballesteros regarding whether BOH can require the data at this time. Elizabeth Theiler and Anita Ballesteros agree that receiving the runoff data is currently essential to monitoring the public water supply and private wells. Rich believes that receiving the runoff data is not a current requirement of the BOH, but will be once the storm water system is installed. Discussion was tabled to move to next agenda item.

Hearing – 17 Marked Tree Rd -

An abutter to 17 Marked Tree Rd. spoke at meeting. He does not want water in his basement and wants to make sure it won't happen. Abutter is uphill of the property on Wilkins Rd. Neighbor is concerned because French drains were installed and wondered if the retaining wall would affect his basement. He will talk to Joe Nihill about his concerns and if he is not satisfied Elizabeth Theiler suggested he bring it back to the BOH.

Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) –

Anita Ballesteros welcomed the MRC. Susan Haley, MRC chairperson, introduced herself and stated that the executive committee had been formed and would introduce themselves.

The tape ran out and there is a gap.

Discussion continued regarding accomplishments so far and the direction the MRC is going. The MRC is in good shape to go forward and do positive things. Pat Duffey spoke about the flu clinic and how to reach additional people and keep the MRC involved from year to year. A website page is being developed. Susan spoke about publicity, trainings and involvement of members.

Letter to Covanta -

The BOH moved back to the discussion of the letter to Covanta. The remaining points of the letter were discussed and agreed upon. The BOH has asked to have a response from

Covanta within 30 days of receipt of the letter. The BOH will discuss this at the 4/28/08 meeting. Anita Ballesteros motioned to accept letter to Covanta with edits as proposed. 2nd: Elizabeth Theiler. All in favor.

Radiation Protocol –

The BOH went through the radiation protocol and made changes as they had noted. Changes included clarification of the number of pairs of radiation monitors required, 3 pairs on inbound and 2 pairs on outbound; requirement of a system malfunction alarm; removal of determination clarification; inclusion of Technecium99m recommended by Chris Martel.
(tape ended)

The discussion moved to the warrant and whether or not to include \$4,000 and \$30,000 line items on the warrant.

Board Member Comment -

Richard Maccagnano received call from Bruce Jacobs who is concerned his appointment with ConCom was rescheduled for meeting on 3/11/08. Bruce Jacobs is concerned with timeframe and he wanted the BOH to know, in order to install monitoring well he needs an Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission.

Anita Ballesteros motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:45pm. 2nd: Richard Maccagnano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:
Lisa Deering

Approved 4/7/08