

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2015

Present: Karen Spaziente, Rich Maccagnano, Claire Ann Scaramella and Scott Moles.
Karen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Claire and seconded by Karen to approve the 5/21/15 minutes. All in favor.

Approval of Bills

The following bill was approved and signed:

Century Health Systems, Inc. – VNA	\$240.00
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Updates

194 Lowland Street: No composting, except for safety measures, is happening at 194 Lowland Street. The Conservation Commission and Building Department have issued a Court Ordered Cease and Desist. Peter Tartakoff is the liaison to the lawyers. Rich wanted to be sure that the Health Department provides the normal assistance to Mr. Brumber in handling complaints and getting the necessary permits. Scott assured Rich that this would be happening.

49 Church Street: Don Kramer is working on completing the septic upgrade and the job will be finished within 2 weeks.

Pump Review Fee: Scott presented his memo dated June 3, 2015 regarding the Pump Review Fee, stating that he believes the pump review fee is justifiable. If the Board wants to consider waving the fee for hardship, he would support that.

Rich said he doesn't want to burden the engineer or homeowner even though he understands that the pump costs more time for Scott to review. Rich wants people to apply for permits for septic repairs and replacement, and feels that the additional cost could cause people to skip the permitting altogether.

Rich asked Scott how much extra time in the field is required for a pump system. Scott answered ½ hour. Scott and Rich discussed the various options for pump fees for different I/A systems, new construction, upgrades or repairs.

It was decided to gather more information about how the surrounding towns handle pump review fees, and what percentage of our plan reviews include pumps. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Health Director's Report

Scott presented his Director's Report dated June 4, 2015 to the Board. The Board discussed several of the points. Claire stated that the Vape City sign was up again at the Tobacco Shop. Rich requested Claire to do outreach to the newly created Holliston Drug and Alcohol Awareness Coalition that Mary Greendale discussed.

Toll Brother's septic plans with steep slopes: Scott presented the Toll Brother's septic design plans that have 1:1 slopes that are "designed by others." Scott will walk the sites with Peter Lavoie on Friday. There is concern whether the earthwork will support the septic system and building pad.

Rich expressed strong concern about the 1:1 slopes. How will these slopes effect the adjoining sites, and what about rain run-off? How will these slopes be maintained? The fill is not being compacted in 1' sections to Scott's knowledge. Scott will go back to earlier files and consult with Westcott and Saulnier.

Rich is not ok with the notations of "designed by others" on the slopes. The engineer stamp must be on these sections. Rich supports Scott in his decision to not approve septic systems that have "designed by other" on them.

Birch Street lots – Nitrogen Aggregation: Scott presented information to the Board regarding the Birch Street lots that will come before the Board at the next meeting. There was concern where the nitrogen credits were coming from. These are small lots to begin with, and they are trying to put 3 bedroom houses on them. Scott said a 2 bedroom house could go on the lots without nitrogen credits. Rich will take a look at the lots.

White Pines Estates: The Board inquired about White Pines Estates, and Scott showed them the plans that had been submitted.

Board Member Comment

Claire stated that she would be absent at the next BOH meeting on June 18th.
Karen stated that she would be absent for the July 9th meeting.

Karen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rich seconded, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 6/18/15