

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2015

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rich Maccagnano and seconded by Karen Spaziante to approve the 6/18/15 minutes. Two in favor. Claire Scaramella abstained.

Approval of Bills

The following bills were approved for payment:

FST – Compliance Officer Services, Brian Moran	\$1,840.00
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Century Health Systems Annual Contract

The Board discussed the proposed FY16 contract with Century Health Systems for visiting nurse services. The contract presented an increase in hourly rate from \$60/hour to \$75/hour. This represents a 25% increase in annual fees and will impact the budget. Health Agent Scott Moles told the Board he is meeting with agents from the surrounding towns of Ashland and Hopkinton to pursue a possible shared nurse position in the future. The Board thought the increase was too high considering the late notice. Rich Maccagnano suggested we offer a 10% increase bringing the hourly rate to \$66. Scott will write a letter to Century Health Systems requesting this change for FY16 and bring the contract discussion back to a future meeting.

Brooksmont Farm Update

The waste treatment plan for Pulte Homes project Brooksmont Farms was received by the Department. Health Agent Scott Moles told the Board the plan is similar to the plan received for the Washington Hills project previously submitted. Scott said he will have Paul Saulnier review the plan prior to his approval since he is familiar with the soils in the area from testing.

Health Director's Report

Health Agent Scott Moles presented his Director's Report since 6/4/2015.

There have been 12 percs done.

Several septic systems are under construction.

49 Church Street - construction is done and we are waiting for as-builts and sign offs.

1146 Washington Street – soil test are scheduled on 7/20/2015 with Seth Lajoie.

Camps – Scott has been to inspect all but one which is taking place in August.

Vape City has opened.

Waushakaum Live Steamers – Scott visited site and saw serve-safe practices in use.

Cole Court - a resident called regarding an elderly tenant on oxygen and concern for mold in the unit. The situation was rectified.

The new **Town Administrator**, Jeff Ritter started two weeks ago, and has held meet and greet meetings.

White Pines – a small subdivision is with the Planning Board now and we are expecting soil test applications.

Covanta – received quarterly review. Also we received an odor complaint this to be followed up on.

Lake Winthrop – all testing has been good so far.

West Nile Virus – the first mosquito was found in the state, in the Berkshires.

Turf fields – MWDN published a study stating no elevated cancer risk in playing on turf fields.

313 Fiske Street – Scott and Building Inspector Peter Tartakoff had a meeting with the HPD regarding tenant situation at this residence. It is a three bedroom home with 7 residents and an RV in the driveway being used as living space. On Monday 7/20/2015 Scott will meet with the Peter, HPD and the property owner.

7:15 - 3 Westfield Drive Hearing

Health Agent Scott Moles presented the septic plan for 3 Westfield Drive. The system is designed with Infiltrator Quick4 High Capacity chambers. The variances requested are to allow the system to be 3 feet above high groundwater versus 4 feet required and to use a sieve analysis in lieu of a perc test due to the presence of groundwater. Conservation Agent Chuck Katuska has reviewed the project and does not anticipate any issues when it goes to the Conservation Commission.

Motion: A motion was made by Rich Maccagnano, and seconded by Karen Spaziante, to allow a 1 foot reduction to high groundwater and to use a sieve in lieu of a perc test contingent on Conservation Commission approval for the septic system at 3 Westfield Drive. All in favor.

7:30 – 230 Marked Tree Road Hearing

Health Agent Scott Moles presented the septic plan for 230 Marked Tree Road. The system is designed with Eljen GSF B43 Module. The variances requested are to allow the system to be installed 2 feet above high groundwater versus 4 feet required and to use a sieve analysis in lieu of a perc test due to the presence of groundwater. Rich Maccagnano asked that an effluent filter and a cover to grade be added to the design. Conservation Agent Chuck Katuska has reviewed the project and does not anticipate any issues when it goes to the Conservation Commission.

Motion: A motion was made by Rich Maccagnano, and seconded by Karen Spaziante, to allow a 2 foot reduction to high groundwater, to use a sieve in lieu of a perc test and to add an effluent filter and a cover to grade in the design and contingent on Conservation Commission approval for the septic system at 230 Marked Tree Road. All in favor.

7:35 – 125 Meadowbrook Lane Hearing

Health Agent Scott Moles presented the septic plan for 125 Meadowbrook Lane. The system is designed with Eljen GSF B43 Module and will require a pump. The variances requested are to allow the system to be installed 2 feet above high groundwater versus 4 feet required and

to use a sieve analysis in lieu of a perc test due to the presence of groundwater. Conservation Agent Chuck Katuska has reviewed the project and does not anticipate any issues when it goes to the Conservation Commission.

Motion: A motion was made by Rich Maccagnano, and seconded by Karen Spaziante, to allow a 2 foot reduction to high groundwater contingent on Conservation Commission approval for the septic system at 125 Meadowbrook Lane. All in favor.

Pump Review Fee

Health Agent Scott Moles presented a continuation of the pump fee discussion regarding alternative technologies available. Rich Maccagnano stated that the issue centered on active versus passive system types and suggested the Board charge a pump fee for a when a pump is designed with a passive technology. Scott explained that many alternative technologies include the pump within the system design and there is no need for additional review. He added that systems designed with a pump added by the designer should be reviewed by the Health agent and charged the additional pump fee.

Motion: A motion was made by Rich Maccagnano, and seconded by Claire Scaramella, that a pump fee would be exempt for septic design plans where the pumps and specification are supplied as part of the alternative technology purchased or specified by the engineer. All in favor.

49 Church Street Update

Health Agent Scott Moles told the Board that the septic system plans have been received and he is reviewing them.

Board of Health Comment

Rich Maccagnano said that tomorrow will be his last day on the Board. He wants to thank all the past and present members of the Board, all the Health Agents he has worked with and the office staff for many years of service. He reminded everyone that the Board works for the residents of the Town.

Karen Spaziante wants to thank Rich on behalf of the Board of all his years of service and that he has taught her a lot and she appreciates all his work.

Karen Spaziante motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Rich Maccagnano seconded, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa Deering, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 8-6-15