

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2015

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

Public Comment

Many neighbors to 194 Lowland Street were present. Scott thanked them for attending, and gave an update of the recent activity regarding Mike Brumber's composting business. The Health Department continues to get complaints about noise issues, and the Conservation Commission has not received all the info they need from Mike Brumber. Mike had submitted a plan, but more information is still needed. There was a meeting last week to discuss the site. Mike said he wants to remove the compost, but the details of how and when to do that have not been specified.

Jim McQuade from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) spoke with Scott regarding 194 Lowland, and the permit is still open. Scott said the 21E old clean up piece of the site is expecting a report out next week from the LSP DeCarlo. There is a Planning Board open hearing at 8:00 later tonight on 194 Lowland.

The neighbors are at our Board of Health meeting to comment on their noise and ground water supply concerns.

Neighbors have concerns about the contents of the compost piles including litter, street sweepings, and snow, and how that will affect the water supply. Scott said the Board is going to recommend to the Planning Board a qualified 3rd party overseer who has full, unrestricted access to the 194 Lowland site, to ensure public health and safety.

Some neighbors are concerned that new material is coming into 194 Lowland. Scott assured them that no new material will be coming in, and the current material is to be removed. For safety reasons the current compost material will need to be flipped and the details of how and when will be worked out with Mike before work commences.

The neighbors voiced concerns about the trucks and noise. Michelle Delmarre from the MA DEP is involved with the noise issue.

The neighbors have concerns about 157 Lowland Street where Mike Brumber stores gravel. Scott explained that 157 Lowland is permitted through the Planning Board. It is monitored by the Building Inspector Peter Tartakoff. The neighbors should voice their concerns to the Planning Board and ask them to reconsider the permit. Scott is not inspecting 157 Lowland.

Mike Brumber and his attorney Chris Malcom joined the meeting. Chris said Mike has had testing done and wants to be a good tenant. Mike asked that neighbors report the license number of trucks to him that are causing a nuisance due to after-hours deliveries and he will be sure they never deliver to him again. Mike said he has a full-time employee at 157 Lowland to monitor trucks so there will be no reckless trucks. Scott said the Planning Board was the regulatory authority for traffic concerns.

Mike asked Scott for the name of the person testing material at the composting farm in Millis. Scott said that the Millis site was an agricultural site so it was different than 194 Lowland, but he would get the name of the tester to Mike.

Scott thanked everyone for attending our meeting and voicing their concerns. They left to attend the 8:00 Planning Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Claire and seconded by Karen to approve the 8/6/15 minutes. All in favor.

Approval of Bills

None

Julia Lane introduced herself to the Board as a candidate for the open position on the Board. She explained her background and why she wanted to be on the Board. The Board explained their role, and the process of filling the open position.

Meeting change: Karen said she couldn't make the August 20th meeting. Scott will contact Jocelyn Isadore, the other candidate for the open position, and see if August 13 or 27th work for her, and schedule the next meeting accordingly.

Health Director's Report

Century VNA: Scott sent Century VNA the letter the Board requested regarding their rate increase but has had no response yet.

Vacation Schedule: September 4th, 2015, the half-day Friday before the Labor Day weekend, the Health Department office will be closed. Lisa Kirby from the Building Department will be able to give customers files to review.

49 Church Street has a functioning septic system now. The As-Built plan is needed for the final Certificate of Compliance.

49 Central Street septic upgrade has been delayed due to the retaining wall abutting the Fire Station. Scott sent a memo to the Selectmen and they will determine how to permit the wall. Ted Valpey will do the installation. Dr. Brown's medical office will not open before spring of 2016.

Pharmaceutical Grade Vaccine Refrigerator is being considered for purchase with Region 4A funds that must be used by October 1st. The MA Department of Public Health is strongly recommending pharmaceutical grade refrigerators for vaccine storage and are moving toward mandating it.

High Dose Vaccine: Exploring purchasing 100 doses of high dose vaccine for senior citizens. Many surrounding towns have been offering high dose at their clinics to their seniors.

49 Windsor Condos icing issue is making progress towards resolution. There are 3 abutters that discharge water into the condo's parking lot. Two of them are amenable to mitigation. One abutter doesn't want to spend the money. Discussions are ongoing.

Senior Center Kitchen: Council on Aging (COA) has changed their plans for their kitchen upgrade (from feeding 50 people to feeding 100 people). Work will start August 20th.

Stoddard Park Concession Stand is being explored by Parks and Recreation Department.

Washington Hills: The 55+ community by Pulte Homes has begun cutting trees and breaking ground.

Brooksmont, another 55+ community by Pulte Homes, is still in the design phase and will be presenting to the Planning Board tonight.

Septic Inspections: There are lots of septic system constructions and soil tests.

Board Member Comment

None

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

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 8/26/2015