

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2011

Present: Rich Maccagnano, Pat Duffey, and Ann McCobb. Ken Lefebvre was absent due to illness.

Rich called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

HERC Update

Jim Connolly reported that HERC received honors award for the highest volunteer recruitment in Region 4a. Also, Linda Brooks received the award for the most active volunteer in the Region which he said is quite an honor. Jim had forwarded a request to HERC volunteers from Liisa Jackson for response to Red Cross efforts to staff mental health professionals in tornado and flood areas of the south.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Jim Connolly, stating that he no longer would serve as HERC EC chairman at end of June.

Rich stated that he was saddened by the resignation and Jim's position would be tough to fill. He hoped that he would reconsider, and thanked him for his service and efforts that brought HERC a long way. Jim added that he still supports HERC as it is an organization that he believes in.

Approval of Bills

The Board signed invoices for Stericycle medical waste and Melissa Kenerson, Covanta compliance officer.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Duffey made a motion to accept the 5.2.11 minutes, seconded by Rich Maccagnano as amended. Vote was unanimous – 2 in favor, 1 absent.

Pat Duffey made a motion to accept the 5.5.11 minutes, seconded by Rich Maccagnano as presented. Vote was unanimous – 2 in favor, 1 absent.

Health Director Report

Lista International had received Compliance letter from DEP 5/17/11 for air quality 2008 violations.

H.S. Concession Stand Proposal – School Business Manager Keith Buday requested and was given contact at DEP to discuss what's necessary to address and comply with Title 5 to have a concession stand rebuilt. Rich would like to offer Keith a preliminary meeting if he wishes, to discuss the project.

Economic Development Committee has given concept approval to a solar farm at Hopping Brook. The company will hold planning talks with NSTAR to determine feasibility.

Summit Pointe – Commonwealth Engineering intends to conduct soil testing for new owner.

Dunkin Donuts – Atty. Healy notified office that Bactivator was installed and first testing was on Tuesday, 5.17.11.

Measles advisory was sent to all local physicians of five cases identified in State.

Covanta Compliance Officer

Covanta Compliance Officer Melissa Kenerssen and Tom Stanwood, Covanta were present for discussion of the proposed agreement for CO services in FY'12. Melissa reviewed her observations and made a recommendation for reduced inspections this year –quarterly - with any complaints followed – up as soon as possible. The addendum has been adjusted to accommodate the frequency change. The Board has not received complaints except for a noisy backup alarm that was corrected upon notice to the company. Melissa said that facility manager, Jesse Boyle is immediately responsive to correct anything mentioned during her inspection.

Melissa and Tom are aware of the cleanup by BFI of the adjacent outfall and vernal pool area.

Covanta is allowing access to the project and this will cause increase dirt and possibly noise outside of Covanta's hours of operation. Tom Stanwood said that they will step up sweeping and watch to confirm the contractor stockpiles earth off Covanta. He may have flagman to patrol. There are no start/end dates for project. Board advised publicity of the adjacent project may help Covanta diffuse undeserved criticism for project not under their purview.

Rich Maccagnano made a motion to accept the Norfolk Ram proposal with change indicated (public record), seconded by Pat Duffey. Vote was unanimous 2 in favor, 1 absent.

859 Washington Street – Septic Variance Hearing

Dan Boucher, EIT , Schofield Bros. presented a proposal to upgrade a failed septic system for dentist Dr. Sean Rayment with request for variance to reduce separation of trench to ground water from 4' to 3'. (See attendance list). Abutter list and notices with certified mail cards were submitted.

Dan explained design is to serve one dentist. There is a prospective buyer that may increase the design but Dr. Rayment is planning for existing replacement. Dan said that the variance of 1' would keep the system low as possible, without I/A treatment, and would save two maple trees.

There is an existing interceptor drain that Dean Schofield stated was installed by the town after the basketball courts were built to alleviate ponding water on this property.

Rich Maccagnano asked about the current septic system on 859 Washington Street that serves 855 Washington Street by easement of 1961. No plan defines the easement. Dean Schofield stated that it is the responsibility of the installation contractor to make every effort not to do any harm to that system.

Rich Maccagnano made a motion to grant a variance from 4' to 3' (distance from trench to ground water) and to perform a grain size analysis in lieu of a perc, seconded by Pat Duffey. Vote was unanimous 2 in favor, 1 absent.

Board took a 5 minute recess.

11 Prospect Street – Variance for Septic Tank

Paul Saulnier, P.E. submitted an abutters list and certified mail tracking. Owner Trinity Ferullo and Installer Herb Brockert were present for the hearing.

Paul stated that the existing tank was hazardous and in order to replace it before the driveway was repaved, the owner wanted to replace it. This is a small area and setbacks to the house and lot line cannot be met.

Pat Duffey motioned to allow a septic tank replacement 2' off the property line to maximize and allow the tank be placed 6' off the residence, seconded by Rich Maccagnano. Vote was unanimous, 2 in favor, 1 absent.

The Board asked for a solid core building sewer pipe. The engineer agreed and it will be noted as a condition of the permit.

163 Union Street – Variance Hearing

Rich Maccagnano made a motion to continue the hearing to June 2nd at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Pat Duffey. Vote was unanimous, 2 in favor, 1 absent. A revised plan was submitted to the office today.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann McCobb