

# **Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

## **February 20, 2014**

Present: Rich Maccagnano, Eric Dickinson and Ann McCobb.  
Eric called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

None

**Motion: Rich Maccagnano motioned at 7:03 p.m. to leave public session for the purpose of entering into executive session to discuss litigation with the intent to return to public session, seconded by Eric Dickinson.**

**Rich Maccagnano, Aye; Eric Dickinson, Aye.**

The Board re-entered public session at 7:25 p.m. with Karen McManamon present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Eric to approve the 1/13/14 & 1/23/14 minutes. All in favor.**

### **Approval of Bills**

The following bills were approved and signed:

Century Health Systems	\$120.00
Stericycle, sharps disposal program	\$78.84
Mayer, Antonellis, Jachowicz & Haranas, LLP	\$72.50
Food Permit Refund due to closure, Pejamajo Cafe	\$225.00

### **41 Union Street**

Eric Dickinson recused himself as he is an employee of GLM. Joe Nihill, P.E., GLM, presented the septic upgrade plan for 41 Union requesting 3 local upgrade approvals, LUA. The property is a small lot bordered by Union Street, Exchange Street, and a canal. To avoid a high mound they are proposing the Eljen system, a State approved alternate technology.

The Eljen system allows a 2' separation from ground water rather than 4', a 40% size reduction, and no dosing if a gravity system. By raising the plumbing they can achieve a gravity system. They will install a split rail fence to stop traffic over the system.

Joe asked that the Board allow the use of the Elgen system and 3 LUA. First variance: a reduced distance from the system (SAS) of 10' (reduced from 20') off the cellar wall. They will have a barrier around the system that goes below the cellar footings. The cellar is an unfinished field stone foundation.

Secondly, a reduced distance of 41' (not 50') to the wetlands. They have the barrier, a vent and an effluent filter.

Thirdly, the tank is 5' off the cellar (not 10'). They maintained the required 10' off the property line. The tank is a monolithic as required.

Joe has to go before the Conservation Commission for a Notice of Intent. Ann reviewed the proposed plan and it looks good. The Eljen system will need to be recorded on the deed prior to compliance.

**Motion: Rich motioned to allow the Eljen system with 3 LUA's: a reduction from 20' to 10' for the distance from the SAS to the cellar wall, a reduction from 50' to 41' for the distance from the system to the wetlands, and a reduction from 10' to 5' for the distance from the system to the cellar wall. Karen seconded, all in favor.**

Eric entered back from recuse.

#### **Administrative Business, continued**

Request reserve fund transfer for legal bills. There may be another bill for the 41 Pleasant Street litigation.

**Motion: Karen motioned for a transfer of \$1,638.50 to be transferred for legal bills. Eric seconded, all in favor.**

#### **27 Greenview Drive**

Paul Saulnier, P.E., Civilized Solutions presented the septic system variance request for 27 Greenview Drive. The property has high ground water and to avoid a large mound he is proposing a FAST/Geoflow alternate technology.

The pipes, tank and pump chamber are at ground water. He will use anti-flotation collars. The pipe connections will be cast-in-place, rubber watertight joints. The variance request is to allow tanks 1' below ground water. He took all the precautions he could.

**Motion: Karen motioned that they grant the variance at 27 Greenview Drive that the inlet and outlet pipes (tanks) be below seasonal ground water. Rich seconded, all in favor.**

Ann went to get Rich Westcott from the Planning Board meeting.

#### **Administrative Business, continued**

Town Meeting Article – Inoculating Revolving Account: The town warrant closes on March 19<sup>th</sup>. There is approximately \$11,000 in the revolving account. No reimbursements have come in yet. We submitted 377 reimbursement. We spent \$6,562 for this year's flu clinics. No more flu clinics are planned.

**Motion: Karen motioned that we submit the Town Meeting Article as written. Eric seconded, all in favor.**

Rich Westcott entered the meeting.

### **Summit Pointe Definitive Subdivision Plan**

George Connors from Connorstone Engineering presented the Summit Point Definitive Subdivision Plan. It is 14 lots, 12 in Holliston, and 2 in Ashland. It is the same plan that was approved in 2003. The construction didn't proceed at that time due to the down turned economy.

George outlined the storm water plans, but storm water has been deferred to the Planning Board.

There is no town water to this site. The 40,000 sq.ft. lots will have 4 bedroom houses with well and septic. There has been plenty of soil testing but if more is needed, it can be done. Ann told the Board there is soil testing on file to demonstrate soil suitable for septic systems. The Board reviewed Rich Westcott's recommendation report for the sub-division.

**Motion: Rich motioned to approve the site (subdivision) plan as presented, with the storm water questions going to the Planning Board. Eric seconded, all in favor.**

Rich Westcott left the meeting.

### **Health Director's Report**

**Budget FY'15:** Ann presented the proposed FY'15 budget. The changes include the copier responsibility going to the Selectmen, clerk Lisa Deering having been here 10 years has \$100/year longevity, and no change in the costs for G&L beach testing, Century Health, or Stericycle. Professional Services Title 5 is underfunded.

The \$2,460 gained through Town Meeting for the Sharps Disposal Program will be returned to the Selectmen. Ann will ask Paul for the \$2,500 stipend from Republic Solid Waste for the Sharps Disposal Program. Options will be looked into for putting a sharps disposal kiosk at the Police Station next to the drug disposal kiosk.

This budget complies with the Finance Commission's guidelines.

The replacement for Mike Graf for Title 5 inspector was discussed. Len Izzo in Wellesley has a part-time inspector. Rich Westcott can still do plan reviews. Rich asked if Eric could do inspections if the project wasn't a GLM design.

Michelle Zeamer said the Board will have an appointment before the Finance Commission on a future Tuesday.

**Motion: Karen motioned to vote the FY'15 budget as presented. Eric seconded, all in favor.**

**Resident Fluoride Concern:** After seeing information on the internet, a Holliston resident asked Ann about fluoride in drinking water and a link to cancer. Both the DPH and CDC endorse fluoride in drinking water. It is thought to benefit children's dental health. Rich suggested getting information from the State and put the question of fluoride in the drinking water up for vote at Town Meeting. Ann has sent fluoride information to the Board. Fluoride is a naturally occurring substance and there is no scientific studies indicating that water fluorination is a public health risk.

**49 Church Street:** The owner of this failed system has an approved septic upgrade plan from 2007 designed by GLM, which will need to be reissued. She said Don Kramer will start the upgrade in April. It is a rental property with 2 apartments and owner occupied. The Board asked for a letter of intent with a timeline to correct the system from the owner.

**41 Pleasant Street:** Jones Electric said they will finish the work required to complete the system upgrade next week. It should be a one day task.

**Anna Place Septic Plans:** The septic plans are approvable, but the lots are not recorded at the Record of Deeds, so the approvals can't be issued until the subdivision plan is recorded.

**High School Concession Stand:** Keith Buday provided the current HS population (942 people) and water meter readings. The septic variance allowed for 1110 people. The Board needs to get the wording from Town Council for the Board to give the concession stand approval based on the revised Title 5. Karen will talk to Bill Mayer to get that wording. The Board would like Bill to attend the next meeting. Ann will get permission from Paul LeBeau to use Town Council at the March 6<sup>th</sup> BOH meeting.

**Axton Cross:** An update from the Treasurer said the demolition permit was denied by the Board of Selectmen. The funds have not been received by the Town.

**CVS tobacco:** CVS will stop selling tobacco in October, 2015.

**Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project:** Annual report is available online.

**Rabies Clinic:** Saturday April 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. will be the annual rabies clinic. Dr. Poling has agreed to charge the same \$10 fee as in previous years. The Town Clerk will be there for dog licenses. Cats and ferrets are also able to get shots. The media and flier have been dispensed as usual. Rich asked the lighted street sign be requested for added publicity.

**Steven Wright** of Kleinfelder provided assistance to Tom Smith to complete the annual recycling report. We await quotes from Steve to process a BUD application to permit the compost pile (yard waste, catch basin cleanings, and street sweepings).

**Officer Brian DiGiorgio** spoke with Ann about a grant he got for a 2 week program of about 15 children from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Ann provided information about "camp" requirements. Brian planned to have the program one week, then off a few weeks, then another week. Ann recommended that if this program does not qualify as a camp, he require physical and immunization submittals as good precautions.

**January rash:** There was a rash going around the High School wrestling team, with several students hospitalized, but all recovered. Some cleaning personnel and 2 track athletes also got the rash. The school head nurse Lynne Bowler reported the incident to the DPH. However, it is not listed as a reportable disease to the Board of Health. Similar events happened in Brookline, Needham, Wayland and Sudbury. The DPH issued a notice about the rash. Fortunately the rash was treatable with antibiotics.

**HERC** received the application for 2 new members.

**Title 5 revision training:** March 12<sup>th</sup> in Taunton.

**Board Member Comment**

None

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

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: