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BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES FOR MARCH 4, 2015 BOH MEETING

Board of Health Members in Attendance: Andrea Crete Chairman, Edward Simoncini, Peter Munro; Health Agent Wibby Swedberg; Assistant Health Agent Rita McConville; Administrative Assistant Joyce Lucander; David Macchia, Mosquito Squad; Chris Mossman, Trowbridge Engineering; Town Resident Cindy Vincent.

4:32 p.m. Andrea announced that the meeting was open and was being recorded by Joyce.

Voucher was approved and signed by the Board for Wibby & Rita February gas mileage, Town of Westminster Police for detail at the BOH Public Hearing, Medicare for application revalidation. Minutes were approved and signed for January 21st, February 4th & 18th.

4:38 p.m. Agents Update:

1. Title V failure update. Wibby has made a spread sheet and a template letter to address the failure properties in town. Letters have been sent to owners. Enclosed with the letters is the septic loan information.
2. Wyman Auto: Wibby and Rita did a site visit per the Board's request to see if any running water on the property. There is a faucet attached to the well tank. A toilet is inside the building that does not work. They use a porta john out back. One employee is working with the owner where before it was just the owner. The Board would like to have the owner come to a meeting to discuss concerns. A septic plan is designed for this property but a final approval was pending on the results of the well water test for VOC's. The owner told Wibby he would like to have the septic done by next winter. Wibby will set a date with the owner to attend a BOH meeting.

4:45 p.m. Dave Macchia, Mosquito Squad, discussed with the Board the private company he owns. They spray with environmentally friendly spray with backpacks so they can get into hard to reach areas. Most people sign a seasonal contract for their yard to be treated. Spraying begins in May through September, every 21 days. Discussed was education that he shares with the clients of eliminating standing water on the property from tarps, birdbaths, tires, and cleaning out rain gutters: any place that mosquitos can breed in water. Dave told the Board he does not spray for Municipalities. Bigger projects he refers to Central Mass Mosquito Project. The Board asked him the cost for the spraying which can be between \$100.00 per ½ acre to \$118.00 per treatment. Usually they spray about 7 times during the season. They also offer a 1 day spray for special occasions. David told the Board his customers do notice much less activity of mosquitoes and ticks. Spraying can be done in nice weather, never on stormy or windy days. Wibby asked him his opinion about closing evening sports events last fall due to EEE. His response was to have bug spray available and educational materials at the events. Prevention would be the best way for these events. Dave will bring in to the office information of the products he uses. The Board thanked Dave for all the information that he shared with them.

5:12 p.m. Chris Mossman, Trowbridge Engineering, brought in a plan for Gordon Martin for 164 South Ashburnham Road. Variance request from local well regulation: well setback from a resource area, required 100 feet, provided 75 feet. Peter recused himself from the meeting. Chris also asked for a retaining wall on this project. Ed made a motion to approve the variances; Andrea seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5:16 p.m. Peter came back into the meeting. Chris Mossman discussed an additional waiver request for 56 Shore Ave.: perc test and deep hole not within the perimeter of the leach field. Ed made a motion to approve. Peter seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor.

5:18 p.m. Board Members Concerns:



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1. Ed asked about an update on the Gap Mountain well reports. Wibby told him we have not yet received any new well reports.
2. Ed asked about Ranor If we have received any well water reports on their public well. Joyce had pulled for him a while ago the information on this company. There are no well reports in the file. Ed asked that we contact all the public water suppliers in town including DPW, Crocker Pond Recreation Area and Ranor to ask them for the public water well reports starting with last year's reports. He would also like to keep them in a 3 ring binder in the BOH office to be available for residents and Board members.

Andrea will see who is in charge of the Town of Hudson for the Mosquito Control District.

5:27 p.m. Peter made a motion to adjourn. Ed seconded the motion. All were in favor

5:27 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Andrea Crete

Peter Munro

Edward Simoncini

Andrea Crete, Chairman

Peter Munro

Edward Simoncini

Minutes were signed by Board members on 3/18/2015

Original signatures on file in BOH office.

Attachments:

164 South Ashburnham Road Septic Plans

56 Shore Ave. Septic Plans