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BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES FOR APRIL 15, 2015 BOH MEETING

Board of Health Members in Attendance: Andrea Crete, Chairman; Edward Simoncini; Health Agent Wibby Swedberg; Administrative Assistant Joyce Lucander; Chris MacKenzie, Whitman & Bingham; Chris Mossman, Trowbridge Engineering; Kathleen Anderson, Business owner at 12 Woods Road.

4:30 p.m. Andrea announced that the meeting was open and was being recorded by Joyce. Peter Munro was not present.

4:30 p.m. Vouchers were approved and signed for (WMPHA) seminar Wibby will attend on Private Wells, MHOA on line course & webinars class for Wibby & Rita on Managing Effectively. Minutes were approved & signed for March 18th & April 1st.

4:38 p.m. Agents Update:

1. Wibby asked Karen about the tape recorded Minutes of Board meetings. Once the Board approves the Minutes they can be erased from the digital recorder.
2. Animal Inspectors: Town Clerk Denise MacAloney said Kim Landry & Robin Innis had taken the ethics course on-line. Mark Ransom has resigned from Animal Control effective the end of May. Wibby put the word out with the MPHN about Animal Control from other communities. She had emailed Sam Albert and discussed this with Karen Murphy.

4:44 p.m. Ed would like Wibby to have the Mosquito Control company attend a meeting to discuss the proposal to do surveillance of mosquito pools.

4:45 p.m. Chris MacKenzie, Whitman & Bingham Engineering: 42 Barrel Road. Local upgrade approval and variance requests:

1. Reduction of separation from bottom of leach area and Estimated Seasonal High Water Table (ESHWT), 4 feet required, 3 feet proposed 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h).
2. Sieve analysis used as it was too wet to perc.
3. Reduction from 125% of Title 5 size. Presby system proposed that meets 100% Title 5 size. Westminster Regulation 245-3.
4. 100 feet from wetland required, 57 feet proposed. Westminster Regulation 245-14.

Chris discussed with the Board the variances. Board asked to have a deed restriction recorded for 2 bedrooms which is the current size of the home as the septic plan cannot meet new construction standards. Ed made a motion to approve the variances and Andrea seconded the motion with the condition that a deed restriction be filed with the registry of deeds.

5:00 p.m. Chris Mossman, Trowbridge Engineering with business owner Kathleen Anderson, 12 Woods Road regarding the well application for Anderson Timber Harvesting. The well application stated, "the well will be used for fire protection, drinking water, and for washing muddy logging trucks." State regulations require floor drains with a separator and tight tank for washing of vehicles. The Board felt they could not approve the well application at this time. Wibby will ask the Plumbing Inspector his thoughts and she will look at the state regulations with Chris. The Board asked to revisit for the next meeting.

5:13 p.m. Wibby reported on the landfill tour with Fitchburg Board of Health. Section 3, Phase 3 is just opening for solid waste. Asbestos containing waste material will be accepted in Phase 3 likely starting in June. Wibby spoke with James McQuade, DEP Section Chief for Solid Waste and he will be reviewing the operations plan to accept asbestos making sure it meets the new asbestos regulations.



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5:18 p.m. Update 35 Woodland Drive. Wibby had spoken with Ryan Smith. He said Moschetti pumped the septic tank. We have no record of this being done. Joyce called Moschetti for the pumping report. They had none. Frank Moschetti stated that sometimes Bruce gets the calls and if he is nearby with the truck he pumps them out. He might have forgotten to let them know in the office. Wind River told Wibby that they only used water to jet the lines out. They put a riser on the D-box and a filter in the septic tank outlet. Andrea was not at the meeting on April 1st so the Board updated her with the conditions of the septic & the sandy soils. Ed had reviewed the different septic plans and the As-Built and could not determine if the system was in the groundwater. The septic plan from 1991 was designed for 4 bedrooms, the Assessors field card lists 6 bedrooms, and the new Whitman & Bingham plan is designed for 5 bedrooms. The Board asked that.

1. We establish the number of bedrooms.
2. Have a deep hole test with an Engineer and the Agent present to establish if the system is truly in the ground water.
3. Open the D-box cover to observe how it is functioning; it's been 6 months since Wibby observed D-box.

Wibby will check with the Building Department to see what they have for number of bedrooms. Wibby will also contact Mr. Gonzales to see if he can attend the next meeting and ask if he has a receipt for Moschetti pumping the septic tank.

Board Members concerns:

Ed asked that we receive reports from all perc testing and deep holes that are being done within 60 days on a form provided by DEP. Wibby will notify all the engineers with that request.

5:55 p.m. Andrea made a motion to adjourn. Ed seconded the motion. All were in favor

5:58p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Edward Simoncini

Andrea Crete, Chairman

Peter Munro

Edward Simoncini

Minutes were approved and signed by the Board member on 5/6/2015 Original signature on file in BOH office.

Attachments:

12 Woods Road Well Application
42 Barrel Rd. Septic Plan