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**BOARD OF HEALTH**

**MINUTES FOR MAY 20, 2015 BOH MEETING**

Board of Health Members in Attendance: Edward Simoncini Chairman; Peter Munro; Dr. Michael Popik; Health Agent Wibby Swedberg; Administrative Assistant Joyce Lucander; Chris Mossman, Trowbridge Engineering; Richard Gonzales, homeowner 35 Woodland Drive; Val Daigle, Northland Engineering; Town Resident, Cindy Vincent, Town Resident, Jerry Powers.

4:30 p.m. Ed announced that the meeting was open and was being recorded by Joyce

4:30 p.m. Minutes were approved and signed for May 6<sup>th</sup>; Voucher for April gas mileage for Rita was approved and signed off by the Board.

4:33 p.m. Agents Update:

1. Wibby updated the Board on 35 Woodland Drive. Wibby asked Bernie Sullivan to be with her to witness and determine the seasonal high ground water. Also she will need to go inside and determine the number of bedrooms as there are conflicting numbers in the Assessors & Building Departments.
2. The contact person Wibby had for Mosquito Vector Control no longer works for the company. Dr. Popik discussed looking into other companies for surveillance. The Fall Town Meeting would be a good time to bring this topic up with an info packet to have for the Town Residents asking for their input. Wibby will discuss with Bernie Sullivan if Gardner is joining the Central Mass Mosquito Control District. EEE was a very big concern with Wibby since it was not reported to us until 1 month after the horse succumbed to EEE. Dr. Popik suggested that education is needed to inform the public to take precautions: for people to use bug spray, dress with clothing not exposing skin and follow the state recommendations. In the past the Board of Health has tried to get the word out to residents and provided insect repellent for residents use at the Little League and Oakmont High School Concession stands.

4:54 p.m. Richard Gonzales 35 Woodland Drive continued from former meeting. Richard handed Wibby a copy of his cancelled check dated 8/29/2014 which was made out to Bruce Moschetti for pumping out the septic tank. We had never received a pumping report and Moschetti and Sons Company said they had no record of pumping the tank. Ed told Richard that after the former meeting he had taken home information on the septic to review. There is conflicting information on the depth of the trenches between the plan and the As-built done by a different company. It appears as if the current trenches could be in the ground water. A deep hole with soil evaluation will be required to make a determination. The Board asked Richard to comply with the following:

1. Allow Wibby to walk through the home to determine the number of bedrooms.
2. Do 1 deep hole test to determine the estimated seasonal high water table (ESHWT) and confirm if the system is or is not in the ESHWT. Bernie Sullivan will witness and establish the ESHWT with Wibby. Richard would need to provide a backhoe and operator.
3. Have the D-box inspected by Wibby and Bernie. It has been 9 months since the lines were flushed in the septic trenches. The Board asked Wibby to inspect the D-box to see how the system is operating.

Richard asked where the hole will be dug. The hole will be near the current septic trenches but the exact location will be determined by Wibby & Bernie on site. Wibby will let Richard know some potential dates by email.

5:03 p.m. Val Daigle, Northland Engineering, 12 Mossman Road, variance request to distance from well, 95 feet instead of required 100 feet. The repair septic system was installed 95 feet from the owner's well. The Board members were all in favor of the variance requested. Wibby will issue the Certificate of Compliance.

5:05 p.m. Agents Update Continued:



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The Board discussed ways to communicate Mosquito information with residents. We could use the Town's Website; a mailing can be sent with the tax bills or a water sewer bill and/or an article could be put in the newspaper asking for resident's feedback. Wibby will look into other resources of surveillance programs. Ed will see what he can find on the internet. The Board will revisit at another meeting.

5:15 p.m. Chris Mossman, Trowbridge Engineering. 47 Spruce Road/ Kodys. Variance/local upgrades approval requested:

1. Sieve analysis instead of perc testing 310 VMR 15.104
2. Leaching facility setback to on site well Required 100 feet. Proposed 89 feet. 310 CMR 15.211(1)
3. Leaching area system size 125 x Title 5 required by local reg. Proposed Title 5 regulation size.

Peter made the motion to approve plan with the variances. Ed seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Board discussed the timing of the Sargent Road project on Sargent Road Apartments connection to sewer. The Board asked Joyce to look at the past minutes to see what was agreed upon for time frame. Wibby will check with Josh Hall in DPW to see what the scope of the project is. She will send the Board the PDF of the plan if available.

5:48 p.m. Board Members Concerns:

The Board requested a tour of the Waste Water Treatment Plant during a future meeting. Wibby will make the arrangements.

5:50 p.m. Peter made a motion to adjourn. Ed seconded the motion. All were in favor

5:50 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Edward Simoncini

Dr. Michael Popik

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Edward Simoncini, Chairman

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Peter Munro

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Dr. Michael Popik

Minutes were signed by Board members on 6/3/2015

Original signatures on file in BOH office.

Attachments:

47 Spruce Road Septic System Plan