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BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES FOR JUNE 3, 2015 BOH MEETING

Board of Health Members in Attendance: Edward Simoncini Chairman; Dr. Michael Popik; Health Agent Wibby Swedberg; Heather Billings, Selectmen; Chris Mossman, Trowbridge Engineering; David O'Donnell & Jen Roberts, owners 15 Laurie Lane; Joe Comeau, septic installer for 15 Laurie Lane.

4:30 p.m. Ed announced that the meeting was open and was being recorded by Wibby. Peter & Joyce were not present.

4:30 p.m. Minutes from May 20th were approved & signed by the Board. The voucher for May gas mileage for Wibby & Rita was approved & signed.

4:35 p.m. Agents Update:

1. The Board of Health office has been very busy. A lot of witnessing of Title 5 inspections and Soil Evaluations/Perc Testing has been done this past month.
2. The Senior Center/ Community Center had a recent meeting regarding the kitchen use. Rita is representing the Board of Health as a member of the committee to discuss the future of the building to rent out to functions & groups. Heather Billings told the Board the Senior Center has an occupancy permit to be in the building, but the kitchen area is not ready for use yet. The senior meals come in already cooked and are held warm to serve to the seniors. There will be a Grand Opening in the fall.
3. Richard Gonzales 35 Woodland Drive, had emailed Wibby that he will be selling the home. Richard would like a complete Title V done. Wibby has tentatively set meeting Bernie Sullivan on June 16th for the deep hole to determine the ground water table.
4. The State is cutting back the supply of flu vaccine to 120 doses for all children under the age of 18 and for adults with no health insurance. Last year we have received 240 doses from the state. Wibby will also be ordering 150 to bring the amount to 270 total vaccines for this year's flu clinics.

May Activity Report for Wibby & Rita was reviewed by the Board.

Wibby discussed the Personal Performance Review that she will be doing for Joyce & Rita. The way the Board has handled Wibby's review in the past has been the Chairman of the Board has compiled comments from the review forms filled out by Board members and then gotten together with Wibby to review accomplishments during the past twelve months and goals for the next year. Ed asked Dr. Popik & will ask Peter to fill out Wibby's Performance Review Form. He will set a date to do a performance evaluation with Wibby.

Westminster DPW Consumer Confidence Report 2014 Water Quality Testing Results. The Board had received a copy of the report The Board has some questions on the report and asked that Josh Hall or an employee for the Department of Public Works come to a future meeting to go over the report with them. Wibby will set this up for a future meeting.

5:00 p.m. Chris Mossman, Trowbridge Engineering, 15 Laurie Lane, variance request to distance from well, 96 feet instead of required 100 feet. The repair septic system was installed 96 feet from the owner's well. The Board members were all in favor of the variance requested.

Mosquito Vector Control company discussion. Wibby made contact with the company she had spoken with in the past. The new representative is Jason Pananos. The Board felt it advantageous to have him attend a meeting to discuss the type of traps used for Mosquito surveillance and what options their company can offer. The Board felt it good to have options to look into for the next year to present at this year's annual Fall Town Meeting.



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We received a Health Advisory Notice from the CDC that 20 States have had outbreaks of Avian Influenza amongst their bird and chicken populations which has affected 40 million birds & chickens. In these outbreaks there has been no transmission from birds to humans but the potential is there. The Board discussed ways to let the residents know of the potential danger: newspaper article, reverse 911, having the schools discuss with the children, town website. Wibby will work with Dr. Popik on the wording to let residents know not to pick up dead or sick birds. Wibby discussed that this shows the importance of having the Animal Inspector complete the barn inspections and fill out the Barn Book every year in town. If we had to notify the chicken farms to get the work out quickly we would be able to.

Continue to discuss Westminster DPW Consumer Confidence Report 2014
Dr. Popik had a concern about page 2 in the report.

The Board looked over the maps in town to see the areas in Westminster where the bedrock is high in arsenic. Individual wells in town have not shown hits of high arsenic. Ed had mentioned in the past fish had mercury in some of the areas in town due to the mercury coming from the air, hydrogen sulfite landing in the area ponds.

Wibby had gone with Rita to a presentation and a tour last week at ETR Water Test Labs in Leominster. They appear to have state of the art testing equipment that was impressive. Wibby had hoped to follow a water sample through the lab to see what each piece of equipment was used for and how the tests were performed but the presentation had taken so long there was very little time to actually tour the lab.

Wyman's Auto, Jonathan & Tina Wyman were to give an update on changes to their water system: tying in to town water or a new well, but they did not show up. Wibby will call them to reschedule.

The Sargent Road Apartment sewer tie-in project. Wibby had spoken with Josh Hall from DPW. He will be sending via email a PDF of the sewer plan which Wibby will forward to the Board. Josh's main concern was that the project be completed this summer and not get into the late fall when they stop issuing construction permits along the roadways due to potential winter weather. Wibby showed the Board the 3 ring binder Joyce had compiled of all the Minutes where the Sargent Road apartments failed septic had been discussed. There was never an agreement between the owner and the Board for a starting or completion time for the project. Ed asked Wibby to follow up with the owner, David Shemligian, to ask him the time frame to start and how long the project should take.

5:50 p.m. Ed made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Popik seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned. All were in favor.

5:50 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Edward Simoncini

Dr. Michael Popik

Edward Simoncini, Chairman

Peter Munro

Dr. Michael Popik

Minutes were signed by Board members on 7/1/2015

Original signatures on file in BOH office.

Attachments:

Consumer Confidence Report certification