



BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Hildreth House

Thomas Philippou, Chair *Lorin Johnson* *Sharon McCarthy*

Board Members present: Lorin Johnson; Sharon McCarthy; Thomas Philippou

Also present: Rob Oliver, David E. Ross Assoc.; Dan Wolf, David E. Ross Assoc.; David Vellante, 259 Still River Road; Richard Doherty, Engineering Consulting Research, Licensed Site Professional for 25 Depot Road; Joan Eliyesal, The Harvard Press; Kelly Carrion, Harvard Hillside; Nick Dean, Appleworks; Ira Grossman, NABH; Paige O'Brien, Clerk

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion: 259 Still River Road; Vellante **5- bedroom deed restriction**

Plans are for a 5-bedroom Geoflow design system (40% smaller in terms of footprint) that is similar to a Presby. The new plans consist of enlarging the kitchen area and adding a sunroom. The request for the 5-bedroom deed restriction is due to an ambiguous room count because of the large open area floor plan. Mr. Philippou motioned to approve a 5-bedroom deed restriction, Ms. McCarthy seconds; vote aye, unanimous.

Property Owner Request

Nick Deane, owner of Appleworks, 325 Ayer Road, looking towards the Board to grant a leniency with regards to the installation of a grease trap to expedite the opening of his new tenants' new restaurant. Mr. Grossman stated that the current plans are not in compliance and need to be brought to regulation and re-submitted. The restaurant may not open without a fully-compliant grease trap.

Permits

- 259 Still River Road; Vellante – New; Increase in Design Flow; 5-bedroom deed restriction granted; approved
- 21 Babbit Lane; Choquette – SCR, D-box; approved
- 225 Stow Road; Crandall - SCR, D-box; approved
- 361 Ayer Road, Lot 2; Delker Brothers Land Management, LLC – New; approved
- 361 Ayer Road, Lot 3; Delker Brothers Land Management, LLC – New; approved

Update: Aborvirus

According to the Executive Office of Health & Human Services, Harvard is a low risk area for both the West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

Review: Press Release for Preparing for Climate Effects at the Municipal Level

For the Board's review, Ms. McCarthy presented a draft letter inviting relevant town committees, boards and organizations to participate in a round table discussion about building a resilient community around the effects of climate change. Ms. O'Brien will update the draft and prepare to send to the appropriate contacts.

Approve Minutes of August 26, 2014

Mr. Philippou made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Mr. Johnson seconds; vote aye, unanimous.

Update – “Together We’re Ready” Campaign

Ms. O'Brien has coordinated with the Police Department to piggyback on their National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, September 27 with an emergency dispensary site (EDS) drill at the Bromfield School. The Board would be on hand to distribute emergency preparedness materials.

Discussion: 20 Under Pin Hill Road; Jarratt

Homeowners would like to add a well because their current well is losing its yield. They also requested that they be able to retain the current well for irrigation use. The property is near the site of earlier hazardous waste dumping (25 Depot Road) so a new well would need testing. Richard Doherty, licensed site professional for the hazardous waste site, would like to continue to use the existing well as a testing site. Mr. Philippou made a motion to accept the current well for irrigation use and allow a permit for a new well provided on-going testing takes place and results are submitted to the Board of Health every two years. Ms. McCarthy seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

Discussion – 7 Still River Road; O'Brien

Non-compliance, town sewer connection

The Board made the unanimous decision to enforce the connection to town sewer by November 1, 2014.

Update: 197 Littleton Road

Mr. Grossman reported that he recently went to Worcester District Court to characterize the numerous health and safety violations of the home on this property. The judge issued an order to property owner (The Huntington National Bank) to address immediate health and safety issues within 7 days and assume a violation fee of \$500 a day after that. The plaintiff and Mr. Grossman will return to court on October 24, 2014 to review the remaining non-emergency violations. The owner/bank purportedly has an agreement to have the current tenant out by October 6, 2014.

Discussion – 5 Littleton Road; Sullivan

Seeking BOH help with sewer connection permit extension

The Board unanimously agreed that connecting without penalty is in the best interest of the environment and community. Mr. Philippou will contact the chair of the Sewer Commission, Cindy Russo, to make this statement.

Adjournment

Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Ms. McCarthy; vote, aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, September 23, 2014
7 p.m. at Hildreth House.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Paige O'Brien.