

Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 12, 2018
Approved: June 26, 2018

BoH Members present: Libby Levison, Chair; Sharon McCarthy; Tom Philippou.

Attending: Ira Grossman, Health Agent, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health (“NABH”); Alison Flynn, Board of Health (“BoH”) Clerk; Bruce Ringwall, GPR, Inc.; Neil Gorman, David E. Ross Assoc., Inc.; Homeowner, 230 Bolton Road, Doug Avola; Franklyn Carlson, Carlson Orchards, Inc.; Joan Eliyesil, The Harvard Press.

Ms. Levison called meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

NEW BUSINESS

a. 230 Bolton Road: Discussion re revision to reserve area (2:05 pm)- Mr. Gorman was present with homeowner, Doug Avola, requesting modification to the approved septic design to allow for relocation of the expansion field without additional testing. Mr. Philippou made the motion to accept modifications to the approved plan by approving another expansion area without additional testing; Ms. McCarthy seconded. No further discussion was necessary. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

b. 33 Simon Atherton Row: Local Upgrade Approvals Request (2:10)- Bruce Ringwall was present to represent the homeowners’ request for a Local Upgrade Approval. By way of background, Mr. Ringwall and Mr. Grossman explained that a Title 5 inspection revealed replacement of a pipe and D-box was necessary. After replacement, the system failed Title 5 inspection. GPR, Inc. designed a new JET I/A system and requested the follow variances: 310 CMR 15.284, 310 CMR 15.404, Harvard BOH Regulation 145-1(B), and Harvard BOH Regulation 145-3(A). Mr. Philippou made the motion to issue the variances requested in GPR, Inc.’s letter of May 31, 2018, as proposed on the submitted Plan 181036; Ms. McCarthy seconded. No additional discussion was needed. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

c. Carlson Orchards: Discussion of private v. public water supply- Mr. Ringwall was present, along with Mr. Carlson, to contribute to the discussion. Mr. Ringwall explained that the Carlsons would like to build a cider tasting building that would include bathrooms, a tasting bar, and a cider donut operation. The tasting building, including the bathrooms, would only be open on weekends for less than 60 days per year. Those present discussed and agreed that installing a Public Water Supply was in the best interest of Carlson Orchard, Inc. Mr. Grossman noted that the Carlsons should submit water testing for the same.

Mr. Ringwall also indicated that the Carlsons are waiting for a septic permit and hope to get the work started by the end of June as the funding is tied to a grant deadline. Mr. Grossman stated that he needs

to review the plan revision prior to permit issuance by the BOH. Mr. Philippou made the motion to approve issuance of the septic permit contingent on Mr. Grossman's approval of the revisions; Ms. McCarthy seconded. Mr. Grossman confirmed that there are no waiver requests associated with the revision. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

d. Summary of Tick Talk and next steps- Ms. Levison reported that she received very positive feedback after the 2018 Tick Talk, and that the Tick information packets were well received at the Garden Club Plant Sale. The BOH members reviewed sample Tick trail signs from other communities and agencies,. Ms. McCarthy made the motion to endorse the use of the CDC trail sign on Conservation Commission and Harvard Conservation Trust trails in Harvard; Mr. Philippou seconded. No further discussion was needed. A vote was taken; it was unanimous. Ms. Flynn is to investigate how many trail heads are in Harvard and contact the CDC to see whether one sign can be provided for each.

The Board reviewed and revised a draft column about ticks, to be submitted to The Harvard Press.

Ms. Levison reported that she has not heard back from Matt Osborne regarding her request for the Bite Lab.

Ms. McCarthy will investigate to see what the policy is in town regarding removal of ticks from students. Ms. Levison will reach out to one of the school health educators to find out what is currently done.

e. Assignment of liaison positions to boards/committees and possible Vice Chair- it was agreed that formal liaison assignments are not needed at this time. The BOH members agreed that the position of Vice Chair will be rotated, and coverage of other board/committee meetings will be decided as-needed.

f. Summer vacation/travel plans and meeting schedule- BOH member and staff discussed their summer travel schedules. The Board decided that the meeting of July 10th will be cancelled.

g. Update from Health Agent & BoH Clerk-

- 344 Ayer Road- Mr. Grossman explained that the home is an existing 2 bedroom and the homeowners wish to expand it to a 3 bedroom. The original septic permit is for a 3 bedroom, but the floor plan includes a new office and new exercise room. Ms. Levison made the motion to request the homeowners record a 3 bedroom deed restriction; Mr. Philippou seconded. No further discussion was necessary. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.
- 28 Deerfoot Trail- Mr. Grossman advised that he will inspect the property on 6/18/18, prior to the hearing scheduled for 6/19/18.
- 58 Blanchard- Mr. Grossman indicated that the rubbish is mostly cleaned up. He indicated there is still 1 mattress and another object pushed up against a shed, but he does not believe there is a need to pursue the issue further.

- NABH 1st quarter invoice- Ms. Flynn advised that she received the FY2019 1st Quarter invoice from NABH. Mr. Philippou made the motion to submit the invoice for payment in FY2019; Ms. McCarthy seconded. No further discussion was needed. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

- Further discussion regarding ground source heat pumps and wells- The BOH members further discussed their thoughts on the different ground source heat pump options. Mr. Grossman offered to prepare first revisions to the Harvard well regulations to reflect the Board's initial thoughts, including that the BOH would like to prohibit dual purpose wells, and that if an irrigation well is tested, no offset is necessary.
- Continued discussion regarding long sewer line deed restrictions- The BOH members decided further discussion was not needed at this time.
- Continued discussion regarding scheduling of EDS drill- Ms. Flynn reported that the last flu clinic held in Harvard was on October 17, 2017 at the Hildreth House. The BOH members requested Ms. Flynn obtain the school calendar for 2018/2019. Mr. Grossman will reach out to Public Health Nurse Tamara Bedard to discuss her initial thoughts on combining the EDS drill with the flu clinic.
- Continued discussion regarding outreach for potential volunteers for Emergency Dispensary Site- this discussion was tabled for another meeting.
- Discuss Board of Health Clerk Title- This discussion was tabled for another meeting.
- Review action points from last meeting- action points were reviewed.

PERMITS

- Septic-
33 Simon Atherton- A permit issued.
Trail Ridge- Unit 8A-B, and Unit 8C-D- two permits were issued.
15 Willow Road- a sewer line permit was issued.
263 Littleton Rd.- a sewer line permit was issued.
- Stable-
13 Haskell Lane- Ms. McCarthy made the motion to issue a stable permit; Ms. Levison seconded. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5/22/18- Ms. McCarthy made the motion to accept the minutes as amended; Ms. Levison seconded. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.
- 5/29/18- Ms. McCarthy made the motion to accept the minutes as amended; Ms. Levison seconded. A vote was taken; Mr. Philippou abstained; it was otherwise unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT- Ms. McCarthy moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 pm.; Ms. Levison seconded. The vote was unanimous.

***Respectfully submitted,
Alison Flynn, Clerk***

Documents Referenced:

- Agenda
- “Streets” file for 230 Bolton Road
- “Streets” file for 33 Simon Atherton Row
- “Streets” file for Carlson Orchards
- Tick trail signs
- A draft summary of the Tick Talk to be submitted to The Harvard Press
- “Streets” file for 344 Ayer Road
- NABH 1st quarter FY2019 Invoice
- Mr. Grossman’s e-mail of 5/16/18 re proposed well regulation changes
- 33 Simon Atherton- septic permit application and permit
- Trail Ridge- Unit 8A-B, and Unit 8C-D- septic permit application and permit
- 15 Willow Rd.- septic permit application and permit.
- 263 Littleton Rd.- septic permit application and permit
- 13 Haskell Lane- stable permit application
- Draft minutes of 5/22/18 and 5/29/18