

Harvard Board of Health Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2015
Hildreth House

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

Also present: Bruce Gallagher, Still River Road; Ira Grossman, NABH; Paige O'Brien, Clerk

Mr. Philippou called this meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Discussion – 104 Still River Road; Gallagher

Mr. Gallagher would like to build an addition onto his house. He purchased the home eleven years ago with the notion that the 1-bedroom dwelling had a septic system that would support 3 bedrooms. Previous Title 5 inspection reports reference a permit indicating a system of this size but no such documents could be located at either the Harvard or Nashoba BOH offices. Mr. Philippou moves that, based on what historical data and physical findings are available to date, the Board accept the system for a 2-bedroom home. Ms. McCarthy seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

Old Business

A. **Erosion control by-law consideration request from Harvard Conservation Agent**

The Board agrees that it makes sense for them to take on this bylaw for their regulations and is willing to work with the other Boards (Conservation Commission, Planning Board) to bring a draft to culmination.

B. **Home Conversion Guiding Document**

Tabled until next meeting.

C. **Article II, Underground Storage Tanks**

Seeing this as a duplication of effort, Ms. McCarthy motions to rescind this article from the BOH regulations. Mr. Johnson seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

Hearing – Amendments to Chapter 145, Code of the Town of Harvard

The Board, having published notices in the Harvard Press on May 15 and May 22, 2015, held a hearing to adopt the following additions and amendments to the Harvard Board of Health Bylaws:

- Amendment – **Article I, § 145-1 (H) Percolation rates over 20 minutes per inch require leaching trenches, but a variance may be allowed for leach beds with engineered plans.** Discussion of this section led to an examining of Article I as a whole. Ms. McCarthy moves to continue hearing until next meeting. Mr. Philippou seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.
- New – **Article VIII Backup Power Requirement;** Mr. Philippou moves to accept; Ms. McCarthy seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.
- New – **Article IX Designer Conflict of Interest;** Ms. McCarthy moves to accept; Mr. Philippou seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Philippou moved to accept the minutes of May 12, 2015 as amended. Mr. Johnson seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

Variance Request to Install Carpeting in the Re-constructed Town Hall

Per Article V § 145-43, The Board of Selectman submitted a variance request to install carpet tiles that could be easily removed and replaced to a limited number of places as a flooring option for noise

reduction and to preserve the soft wood currently in place. After reviewing the product specifications for the tiles submitted by LLB Architects, Mr. Philippou motions to accept the carpet depicted in the areas presented in the plans for the reconstructed Town Hall. Ms. McCarthy seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

Permits

- Under Pin Hill Rd., Lot 1, Saxl – renew; approved.
- 290 Stow Road, Schmidt – SCR, d-box; approved.

Planning for a Emergency Dispensing Site Exercise

Ms. O'Brien prompted the Board to start the process of hosting an emergency preparation exercise for the Harvard community to include volunteer assistance from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The Board agreed that the best time to offer this event would be in the fall. Ms. O'Brien will connect with Pat Natoli, the coordinator for CERT, to get logistical planning under way.

Adjournment

Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Johnson seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige O'Brien, Clerk

The next scheduled board meeting is
Tuesday, June 9, 2014
7 p.m. at Hildreth House.