



BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2014
Hildreth House

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

Board members present: Lorin Johnson, Sharon McCarthy, Tom Philippou

Also present: Barbara Hilton, 175 Massachusetts Ave.; Steve Spears, David E. Ross Assoc.; Amelia Pak-Harvey, Harvard Hillside; Ira Grossman, NABH; Paige O'Brien, Clerk

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

Hearing – 175 Mass Ave; Hilton

Steve Spears of David E. Ross Associates requested the following variances on behalf of the property owner:

1. Reduction of SAS to estimated high groundwater from 4 ft. to 3 ft.
2. Reduction of 12" separation between tank and pump inlet and outlet tees and high groundwater.
3. The SAS to have four foot depth of naturally occurring pervious soil below the entire leaching area, unless a variance is issued.

Mr. Philippou motioned to approve the requests of the letter dated 1/28/2014; plan number L-12237, revision 1/14/2014; Mr. Johnson seconds; vote aye, unanimous.

Master Plan Steering Committee – Conversations with Town Board

Elaine Lazarus, a liaison for the Master Plan Steering Committee, questioned the Board about the 5 priority issues identified in Phase I of the Master Plan (Devens; Ayer Rd. Commercial District; Diverse Housing; Town Center; and Conservation) as they relate to their primary responsibilities and what impact these issues will have on their work in the next 5-10 years.

The Board responded by noting that jurisdiction in Devens has mostly a positive bearing but that unseen aging infrastructure may pose a financial risk. The marginal land and lack of public water in the Ayer Rd. Commercial District makes it difficult to site and have a large enough SDS to meet the needs of businesses, possibly requiring a costly municipal sewage system.

Update – Community Septic Management Program

Ms. O'Brien reported that the four property owners who have submitted applications have not met all the requirements necessary to be reviewed by the Board. Ms. O'Brien will check in with each applicant individually.

Mosquito Control

The Board agreed to have a public discussion focused on mosquito control placed on the agenda of their next meeting, 2/25/2014. Ms. O'Brien will submit a write-up to the local presses and invite other Boards and Committees, as well as known concerned residents to participate in this dialogue.

Permits

- 175 Mass Ave, Lot 2, Barbara Hilton; Local Upgrade Approval; see *Hearing details above*; approved
- Old Littleton Road, Lot 2, David & Hope Page; New (re-design); approved

Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2014

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

Adjournment

Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Johnson. Vote: aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, February 25, 2014
7 p.m. at Hildreth House.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Paige O'Brien.

Documents cited:

- *Master Plan Steering Committee Conversations with Town Boards*