



## BOARD OF HEALTH

### MINUTES

Tuesday, August 12, 2014  
Hildreth House

*Thomas Philippou, Chair*

*Lorin Johnson*

*Sharon McCarthy*

*Board Members present:* Lorin Johnson; Thomas Philippou

*Also present:* Ira Grossman, NABH; Paige O'Brien, Clerk

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

#### **Discussion: Climate Change & Cooling Shelters**

##### ***Update from Local Solutions: Northeast Climate Change Preparedness Conference***

As this was a discussion reported by Ms. McCarthy; in her absence it was tabled until next meeting.

#### **Discussion – “Together We’re Ready” Campaign**

Mr. Philippou read from a notice from Mary Clark, MPH Director at the DPH Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management. It stated that September is “National Preparedness Month”. Ms. O'Brien has ordered the recommended campaign materials and will update the BOH homepage and send out BOH News blurbs as needed.

#### **Permits**

- 121 Ayer Road, Lot 5; Redinger Family Trust – SCR, New Tank; Home Office; approved
- 25 Warren Ave; Buni - Transfer; approved
- 29 Withington Lane; Holcomb - Local Upgrade Approval; David E. Ross Project # 29667; Plan # L-12383; Letter dated June 30, 2014. Mr. Philippou made a motion to accept the request of the required separation between the bottom of the soil absorption system and the high groundwater elevation from 4 feet to 3 feet. Mr. Johnson seconds; vote aye, unanimous.
- 121 East Bare Hill; Fitzgerald – Local Upgrade Approval; David E. Ross Project # 29704; Plan # L-12388; Letter dated July 14, 2014. Mr. Philippou made a motion to accept the request of reduction of the required separation between the bottom of the leaching facility and the high groundwater from five feet to four feet; and reduction of the requirement of a twelve [inch] separation between the inlet and outlet tees and high groundwater. Mr. Johnson seconds; vote aye, unanimous.

#### **Approve Minutes of July 24, 2014**

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

#### **Discussion – Communicable Disease**

Members of the Board had a discussion to bring awareness of an increased risk of people who have not been properly screened through the immigration process and may carry communicable disease. The Board has concern about the unknown immunization status and possible communicable disease transmission to children in the schools because of the legal requirement to educate these children. Mr. Philippou will call Jim Dezutter,

Harvard's representative for the Devens Enterprise Commission, to inquire about the group of 200 illegal women purportedly housed at Devens. The reference for this is a July 13 Boston Herald article that states, "Illegal immigrants are being secretly flown to Massachusetts and kept in local lockups in an under-the-radar operation that has alarmed lawmen who are raising health and security concerns amid recent spikes in detainees coming up from Texas during the latest border crisis."

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Johnson; vote, aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, August 26, 2014  
7 p.m. at Hildreth House.

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Paige O'Brien.*

Documents cited:

Campaign Announcement from DPH Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management