

Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Approved: April 24, 2018

BoH Members present: Libby Levison; Chair; Tom Philippou.

Attending: Ira Grossman, Health Agent, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health ("NABH"); Alison Flynn, Board of Health ("BoH") Clerk; Chris MacKenzie, Whitman & Bingham.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

NEW BUSINESS-

a. 62 East Bare Hill Road- Local Upgrade Approval Request- Mr. MacKenzie was present on behalf of the homeowner to request a reduction of the required 4 foot separation from the estimated ground water to leach area to a proposed 3 foot separation, citing that the engineering design for the site provides the same amount of environmental protection as would strict compliance with Title 5.

After reviewing the Plan No. 18-07, Mr. Philippou made the motion to accept the variance request of Whitman & Bingham Associates' letter of February 23, 2018. Ms. Levison seconded. No further discussion was needed. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

b. TURI newsletter re grant opening period- Ms. Levison received the UMASS Lowell TURI (Toxic Use Reduction Institute) newsletter regarding the grant opening period. It was discussed that this information might be of interest to Conservation Commission, the Bare Hill Pond Committee, Parks & Recreation, the Department of Public Works, and the group considering redesign of the Pond Road playing field. The members requested Ms. Flynn will forward the e-mail on to those parties.

c. Do we want to do an ATM handout?- The members discussed possible options for an Annual Town Meeting handout, and decided that if a Tick Talk with Larry Dapsis can be scheduled, a handout advertising the same will be prepared.

d. Account review- The Year-To-Date budget report of 4/5/18 was reviewed. Ms. Flynn stated that Ms. McCarthy, who was not present at the meeting, indicated that she would support a motion to retain Larry Dapsis for a Tick Talk if there was money in the budget. Ms. Levison confirmed his honorarium for a Tick Talk is \$300. Ms. Levison and Mr. Philippou discussed inviting other interested groups in town to subsidize Mr. Dapsis's talk. Ms. Flynn and Ms. Levison will reach out to Parks & Recreation, the Library, Conservation Commission, Conservation Trust, and the School Committee to request sponsorship. Ms. Levison will contact Mr. Dapsis to check his availability.

e. Update from Health Agent & BoH Clerk-

- Mr. Grossman reported that he is working on preparing a chart comparing the Harvard well regulations with the DEP recommendations regarding geothermal wells. He indicated that he would like the BOH to review the well regulation and consider amending it to include language regarding irrigation and geothermal wells.
- Ms. Flynn reported regarding the BOH's invitation to participate in the 4th of July parade. After discussing whether participation would be feasible, the members requested she inform the Fourth of July Committee that the BoH must regretfully decline.
- Ms. Flynn reported that she received a request from Tim Schmoyer asking to be put on an agenda to discuss tick concerns.
- Ms. Flynn indicated that Debbie Thompson of the Council on Aging mentioned she contacted Minuteman Senior Services regarding concerns for a resident's living conditions. She will advise if she needs BOH assistance.
- Ms. Flynn reported that the Fire Chief asked about the status of the resident who required assistance in March. Mr. Grossman advised the members of recent communications with the resident. Ms. Flynn will let the Fire Chief know.

OLD BUSINESS-

a. 58 Blanchard Road: Status of Rubbish Removal (Order to Correct allowed until 3/28/18)- Mr. Grossman indicated that he drove by the property, and though there was much improvement overall, all concerns had not been addressed. The members discussed the next options of proceeding with court ordered enforcement.

Mr. Philippou made a motion for Mr. Grossman to begin preparing the documentation necessary to move through the courts because of the property owners' inactivity throughout the year. Ms. Levison seconded. It was discussed that the message to the owners' would be that should they resolve the complaints after the court papers are filed, it would be looked upon favorably by the BOH. No further discussion was necessary. A vote was taken; it was unanimous.

b. Further discussion regarding ground source heat pumps- This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

c. Continued discussion regarding outreach for potential volunteers for Emergency Dispensary Site- This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

d. Review action points from last meeting- The action points from the last meeting were reviewed.

PERMITS- The BOH members reviewed and issued the following septic permits:

- 26 Bolton Road- the BOH reviewed and considered the variance requests listed in the letter of February 20, 2018, from Stephen Sears of David E. Ross Associates, Inc., for Plan No. L-13448, and decided to allow variances from the following:
Reg. 145-3(A)- Two passing percolation tests required for primary system area;

Reg. 145-3(D)- The proposed leach area to be 25 ft. from any test hole that has less than 4 ft. of natural soil below the top and subsoil.

310 CMR 15.240(1)- On-site subsurface sewage disposal system shall be located in an area where there is at least a 4 ft. depth of naturally occurring pervious soil below the entire area of the soil absorption area unless a variance is issued in accordance with the provisions of 310 CMR 15.415(2).

310 CMR 15.405(1)(i)- A sieve analysis may be performed if a percolation test can not be performed.

The members did not grant the following requested variance request:

15.405(1)(g)- Reduction of system location setback from private water supply well from 100 ft. to 69 ft., and from water supply line, suction pump, from 100 ft. to 60 ft.

The members requested Mr. Grossman advise the engineer that the BOH would like to see a new well, and if the owners have questions about this requirement, they are welcome to attend a BoH meeting to discuss the well.

A septic permit was not issued.

- 62 East Bare Hill Road- with the variance request previously considered, the permit was issued.

The BOH members reviewed and issued the following stable permit:

- 172 West Bare Hill Road- Jana Wirch- the stable permit application was reviewed and approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Approval of minutes was tabled for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT- Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 p.m.; Ms. Levison seconded. A vote was taken; all were in favor.

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

Documents Referenced:

- "Streets" file for 62 East Bare Hill Road
- "Streets" file for 26 Bolton Road
- Stable permit application for 172 West Bare Hill Road
- Year-To-Date budget report of 4/5/18