

Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Hildreth House

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

Also present: Dan Wolfe (David E. Ross Associates), Amory Thorndike (VDCI), Ira Grossman (NABH), Vicki Bilafer (Clerk)

Mr. Philippou called this meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Appointment of New Clerk

Mr. Philippou moved to appoint Vicki Bilafer as Clerk. Ms. McCarthy seconded; voted, aye, unanimous.

Protective Bylaw Amendment - Section 125-32C(5) & (6): Sewage and Other Potential Sources of Contamination.

Dan Wolfe of David E. Ross Associates commented that sewage systems after the date in the current bylaws are now starting to fail and that they need to go through the timely process of getting a ZBA variance to do a repair which doesn't make sense. So the amendment to take out the dates would allow systems to be repaired in a more timely manner and the intent of the bylaw still stands.

Mr. Philippou moved to endorse the amendment changes, Ms. McCarthy seconded; voted, aye, unanimous.

Old Business

Amory Thorndike of Vector Disease Control International (VDCI) gave a presentation on Mosquito Control options which does not include spraying. VDCI recommends adult control, larval control, source reduction and surveillance. Mr. Thorndike will forward a proposal for Mosquito Control as well as a proposal for Tick Control.

Discussion – Ayer Road Abandoned House Complaint

This discussion stemmed from concerns about several abandoned houses on Ayer Road posted on NextDoor Harvard. Ms. McCarthy did some research and found that abandoned houses partly fall under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. After some discussion of what steps should be taken, it was decided that the Board should send a letter to the homeowner with a copy to the Fire Chief and Building Commissioner. Mr. Philippou to draft letter.

Water Supply Study Committee

Discussed findings presented in a letter from water supply study committee in regards to private wells in Harvard. The link on arsenic and uranium on the Board of Health page needs to be updated with additional information added. A press release should go out to remind residents to do well water testing.

Other Business

73 East Bare Hill Road septic system application – The homeowners are proposing to increase size of house to 12 rooms with the addition of office with gym/poker room. Currently there is a 4 bedroom septic system. They are proposing to add on to the septic with an IA system. Mr. Philippou thinks the system should be designed for 660 gal. per day before proceeding. Ms. McCarthy asked if there are concerns about the proximity of sewage pipe to water pipe. The Board agreed to have Mr. Ringwall from GRP, Inc. to come in to discuss the proposed plan.

Discussion – Westward Orchard Seating

Currently there is no indoor seating. There is some outdoor seating with a couple of tables and some chairs. The Board will assess the situation and determine whether or not Karen Green should meet with the Board.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Philippou added some additional wording to the minutes.

Mr. Philippou moved to accept the minutes of October 13, 2015, as amended. Mr. Johnson seconded; voted, aye, unanimous.

Permits

- 6 Depot Road, Podzycki - upgrade, approved.

ZBA Application - Renewal of permit for Pine Hill Village Comprehensive Permit
Same comments as last time.

Adjournment

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Ms. McCarthy seconded; voted, aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

***Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Bilafer, Clerk***