

Harvard Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2015
Hildreth House

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

Also present: Bruce Ringwall (GPR, Inc.), Richard Sicard (Fire Chief), Jane Parker, Roger Skillings, Wade Holtzman, Margot Holtzman, Richard Doherty (ECR, Inc.) , Patricia Natoli (CERT/Public Safety), Ira Grossman (NABH), Vicki Bilafer (Clerk)

Mr. Philippou called this meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Discussion - 73 E. Bare Hill Road

Bruce Ringwall of GPR presented plans for SDS. Currently, the lot is 1.08 acres with a 4 bedroom septic system. The homeowners would like to build out some of the barn space for an office and entertainment space which increases the number of rooms from 8 to 12. Because of the size of the lot, the only way to increase the size of the septic is to use an I/A system. Mr. Ringwall is proposing using a Micro FAST system with an additional trench.

Mr. Ringwall asked for guidance on how to proceed with this project. Mr. Philippou said he would be amendable to a 5 bedroom deed restriction with the addition of the extra septic. Mr. Philippou asked that the sewer line to be sleeved.

Ms. McCarthy asked if there was a concern of a realtor advertising the house as a 6 bedroom if they ever went to sell. Mr. Grossman said the deed restriction and septic permit would reflect a 5 bedroom house.

Mr. Philippou made a motion to override local regulations for setback to well and use of an I/A system. Ms. McCarthy seconded; voted, aye, unanimous.

Discussion – Emergency Supplies

Rick Sicard (Fire Chief) and Patricia Natoli presented an inventory of all the emergency supplies in stock in the 5'x8' trailer located behind the fire station. Ms. Natoli said the supplies in the trailer are in labeled plastic bins which were provided by a NEMA grant; however the trailer is completely full. Chief Sicard said they could use another 6'x12' trailer if there is money in the Board of Health budget for emergency preparedness. Chief Sicard will check with Finance and see if there is money available and if it can be used to purchase a trailer.

A question about sheltering animals was brought up. Ms. Natoli needs to work with the school about this. Currently only service animals are sheltered.

Discussion – 25 Depot Road

Jane Parker, homeowner, would like to install a geothermal heating system. Mr. Grossman said that 25 Depot Road is a known hazardous waste site and he has already denied this request because of drilling through the hazardous waste.

Roger Skilling of Skilling and Sons and Richard Doherty of ECR, Inc. described the process of installing a closed loop geothermal system. 400 feet deep bore holes are drilled, polyethylene pipes are put into the holes and then the pipes are sealed with grout. Bentonite will be used in the area of fractures. The holes are only open for 24 hours. These wells are outside the chemical contamination area.

Mr. Philippou has concerns similar to Mr. Grossman's about the fractures in the bedrock and the chance of the migration of the chemical contamination and asked if the holes could be used to monitor for

contamination. Mr. Grossman feels that a geothermal system is a luxury instead of a necessity and the benefits do not outweigh the risks.

The Board would like more information before making a decision. Mr. Doherty will email well test reports.

Discussion – 104 Bolton Road; Still River Winery

Discussed concerns and questions from Mr. Grossman. Mr. Grossman said he checked with DEP that this isn't a public water supply and he couldn't find information on the septic system in the files.

Mr. Grossman asked about the sanitation of bottles. Wade Holtzman said that the bottles are rinsed with hot water & potassium metabisulfite. Mr. Philippou and Mr. Grossman want to know how much water is being used.

Mr. Grossman asked about the waste products. Mr. Wade said that the pulp and yeast from the apples go into the compost.

Mr. Grossman also has concerns about the number of visitors and the capacity of the septic system.

Margot Holtzman will provide the information requested and the Board will continue discussion at their next meeting.

Discussion – 2015 Annual Town Report

Mr. Philippou presented a draft of the 2015 Annual Board of Health Town Report. Ms. McCarthy reviewed the report and wanted to add that tick removers are still available.

Discussion – FY2017 Budget

Mr. Philippou to meet with the Finance Committee about the Board of Health budget on December 9th. He will request that the Board of Health budget be level funded with a small increase to the NABH costs.

Old Business

- Reviewed Seasonal Conversion document
- Update on abandoned houses on Mass. Ave. – Gabe Vellante, Building Inspector, is working with Mr. Van Wormer on one of the abandoned house. Mr. Grossman will see if Mr. Vellante has or will take any action on the other abandoned house. If he isn't then the Board would like the homeowner to come to a BOH meeting.
- Reviewed VDCI Mosquito/Tick Proposal - Mr. Philippou to talk to the Finance Committee to see what the town might be willing to do with the Mosquito proposal. The tick proposal has not been delivered yet.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Philippou asked that the Permits section go after the Approval of Minutes in the minutes.

Mr. Philippou moved to accept the minutes of November 10, 2015, as amended. Ms. McCarthy seconded; voted, aye, unanimous.

Adjournment

Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Ms. McCarthy seconded; voted, aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Bilafer, Clerk*