

Harvard Board of Health Minutes
Tuesday, February 03, 2015
Hildreth House

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

Also present: Dan Wolfe, David E. Ross Associates; Alice & Peter von Loesecke, Warren Avenue; Ira Grossman, NABH; Paige O'Brien, Clerk

This meeting, originally scheduled for January 27 and cancelled due to Blizzard Juno, was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Permits

No permits to review.

Approval of Minutes from 1/13/2015

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

Town Report

Ms. McCarthy will be making an addition to the current draft and will have new copy to review at the next meeting.

Stables

The current list of property owners with valid stable permits may not be accurate. The Board agreed it best to have the Agriculture Advisory Commission and Animal Control Officer in synchronization with what the next steps should be to update this list. Ms. O'Brien will secure a meeting date in which representation is available from both parties.

Hearing – 134 Old Littleton Road; Bilodeau:

David E. Ross Assoc. Plan No. L-12497; Project No. 30132

The Board voted unanimously to grant the following variances for a proposed septic system upgrade:

- 145-1 (E) – 800 square feet is the minimum size leaching bed. *Proposed: 409 square feet, with a Presby Enviro-Septic alternative soil absorption system.*
- 145.3 (A) – All sites must have two passing percolation tests in the primary area. *Proposed: a primary area with one passing percolation test.*
- 145.3 (D) – There must be four feet of natural soil material below top and subsoil within 25 feet of the proposed leaching system. *Two feet of natural soil is provided.*
- The system is proposed in accordance with the provisions of Local Upgrade Approval: 310 CMR 15.405 (1)(j) – *Reduction of the required 12-inch separation between the inlet and outlet tees and the high groundwater level.*

Discussion – 90 Warren Ave

Dan Wolfe, engineer from David E. Ross Associates, was present to defend Project No. 29808. Plan No. L-12470 and to request local authority approval (see January 13, 2015 meeting minutes for detail).

Mr. Grossman states that the current septic system, a cesspool, has no approved capacity and therefore the structure is not a habitable dwelling per the State Sanitary Code, Chapter 2. The Board is disposed to discuss this Project with town counsel to determine if it may be grandfathered or updated. Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Grossman will conceive impartial and succinct questions to present to Attorney Lanza.

Discussion – 103 Bolton Road

The homeowner is replacing his failed septic system using funds provided through the Community Septic Management Program. The installer has submitted an invoice to the Board of Health office seeking \$1900 from work that was not on the original estimate that the Board reviewed and approved in June 2014.

The Board agreed to accept the \$1200 for “stump removal and disposal”, but not the \$700 for “extra work needed, not in contract”.

Adjournment

Mr. Philippou moved to adjourn meeting at 8:25 p.m. Ms. McCarthy seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2014
7 p.m. at Hildreth House.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Paige O'Brien.