

## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held at the Houghton Building on **December 19, 2017** at 5:00 PM

Members Present: Christopher Slade, Chair, Christopher Rogers, Member and Scott Powell, Clerk

Also Present: Jenny Jacobsen, Health and Permitting Assistant and Bill Brookings, Health Agent,  
Nashoba Associated Boards of Health

Call to order: **5:10 pm**

### Minutes reviewed for November 24, 2017.

- **S. Powell made a motion to approve minutes of November 24, 2017 with a minor change to the spelling of Mr. Slater's name in two places. Mr. Slade 2nd 3/0.**

### Public Hearing:

Stephen Sears of Ross & Associates presented a certified abutters list, legal notice and certified mail receipts to the Board.

#### **C. Slade opened the hearing at 5:16pm.**

S. Sears appeared before the Board representing Craig Macrae and Valerie Ritter (both also present) of **392**

**Main St** proposing to upgrade a failing cess pool with a Title 5 compliant trench septic system with the following variances:

- Reg. 4) 150 ft. offset from well to proposed leach facility in soils with perc rate of 2min/inch. (104 given)
- Reg. 4) 35 ft. offset from edge of travelled way to proposed leach facility. (29 foot given)
- Reg. 4) 150 ft. offset from wetland to proposed leach facility in soils with perc rate of 2 min/inch. (130 ft given)

Board reviewed the plan which maximizes feasible compliance and heard the concerns of abutter, John Tremblay whose drilled well is 104 feet from the leaching facility.

C. Slade pointed out that the state asks for an additional foot of vertical offset to groundwater in situations when an offset cannot be met. S. Sears said that he is 7 feet from the water table which is well beyond compliance stating that offset to groundwater is the most important factor to consider.

B. Brookings added that vertical offset is more important than horizontal migration.

S. Powell asked if shifting the system to maximize offset in an effort to compromise since this is an upgrade to what is currently there. C. Rogers agreed that they are at a greater risk currently.

B. Brookings commented that historically the goal is to meet Title 5 and not local regulations.

S. Powell noted that the Board historically has granted relief to local regulations on existing system improvements when compliance is not practical.

J. Tremblay wanted to express other concerns per his letter dated December 19, 2017.

S. Sears agreed to revise the plan to find the maximum offset.

**C. Rogers asked to continue the meeting to January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Houghton Building at 6:30 p.m.**

### Mail Reviewed:

### Action/Discussion:

- Main Street Septic-
  - **Moved to next meeting.**
- Tobacco Regulation Review and License Renewal
  - **J. Jacobsen to invite Tobacco Alliance to attend a future meeting.**
- Beaver Permit, 229 South Bolton Road
  - B. Brookings made the Board aware of a emergency beaver permit issued on
- 289 Ballville -Residential Kitchen
  - Board reviewed a letter from B. Braley of Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.

- 60 South Bolton Road- email
  - C. Slade recused himself from the discussion.
  - Board reviewed an email from Jonathan Keep of Main Street.
  - The Board noted that it continues to monitor the situation. C. Rogers commented that at the time of the 2016 inspection there were a number of drums in a building raised on pallets and under cover. They had been removed at the time of the reinspection in 2017. S. Powell questioned what had become of the material in the containers. Mr. Slade explained that material was moved offsite to another commercial property outside of Bolton and repurposed.
  - Board will reinspect in August 2018.
  - Continue to monitor the situation.
  - J. Jacobsen will respond to the email.
- Annual Report Review
  - C. Slade will edit the annual report.
  - J. Jacobsen to forward existing language from the 2016 report.
- Regulations- review proposed changes and set public hearing
  - Board will set a date early in 2018.
  - Board will review proposed changes.
- 545 Wattaquaddock Hill Road- water test
  - Arsenic above level.
  - Board will require deed notice.
  - **J. Jacobsen to send a letter.**
- 300 Wattaquaddock Hill Road-variance
  - Moved to next meeting.
  - *Need to find the letter (maybe last meeting packet.)*
- Nitrogen Aggregation-fee
  - Bolton does not have a fee set.
  - B. Brookings will look into Nashoba's fee.
  - Moved to next meeting.
- Lot 14, 222 Sugar Rd-well permit
  - Expired permit. B. Brookings received a new permit. Plan was already approved 7 years ago.
  - Board approved.
- Hudson Road- 18 Lot Subdivision, "Keyes Farm"
  - The Board noted that all septic systems and wells within the development must be in compliance with state and local regulations.

#### **Building Permits Reviewed:**

- 147 Sugar Road (B. Brookings signed 12/1/2017)
- 299 Sugar Road (B. Brookings signed 12/1/2017 )

#### **Septic Permits Reviewed:**

- 306 Old Bay Road
  - Moved to next meeting.
- 437 South Bolton Road
  - Moved to next meeting.
- Sawyer Road- Revised Plan
  - Moved to next meeting.
- 67 Old Bay Road- D. Box permit
  - Board approved.
- Lot 16 B 120 Oak Trail- transfer permit
  - Board approved.
- 32 Century Mill Road-D. Box permit
  - Board approved.

- 84 South Bolton Road- upgrade permit
  - Moved to next meeting.
- Main Street permit
  - Moved to next meeting.

**Inspections reviewed:**

- **87 Green Road**
  - B. Brookings to check the GPD on Well.
  - Board accepted.
- **83 Harvard Road**
  - Board accepted.
- **968 Main**
  - Board accepted.
- **179 Annie Moore**
  - Board accepted.

**S. Powell moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:06 pm, C. Slade 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes 3/0.**