

TOPSFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting of Thursday, June 24, 2010 ~ 7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

With a quorum present, in the absence of the Chair, Ms. Knutsen called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM

Board of Health members present: Sheryl Knutsen, Acting Chair; William Hunt, Chair (8:55 PM); Dr. Vincent Guerra; Gerry Topping

Not Present: Wade Goldman

Also Present: John Coulon, Health Agent; Catherine Tinsley, Minutes Secretary; Selectmen Dick Gandt and Martha Morrison, BOH Liaison

Abbreviations used:

BOH Board of Health

Public information:

Agenda

APPOINTMENTS

Vote: 19 Towne Lane, Map 33, Lot 61; Variance request on emergency storage capacity for pump chamber; this is a repair of an existing system. There are site restraints due to the wet lands

Present: Chuck Johnson, CG Engineer CO; Jane Davin, property owner

Mr. Coulon reported that he has reviewed the plan and made a site visit and recommends approval of the variance request.

Mr. Johnson referenced a site plan dated June 9, 2010.

He identified this is a five bedroom design with an adjustable pump system; the septic tank is a 2000 gallon tank; a waterloo system is used with infiltrated chambers.

The BOH noted the variance request is to 110 gallons and the offset can be reduced with a 1500 gallon tank and pump chamber and is in line with past practices of the TBOH.

Mr. Topping made a motion to deny the variance as requested in a letter dated June 9, 2010 for minimum storage reduction and the BOH approve the variance request for local code 200 gallons per day to State Code Title V to 110 per bedroom and that the BOH Agent approves the variance as approved and voted on by the board contingent upon the submission of appropriate variance request and plan. Dr Guerra seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vote: 1 Pond Street; Map 69, Lot 6), Request for local upgrade approval – set back from well

Present: Chuck Johnson, CG Engineer CO

Mr. Coulon identified he made a site visit and recommends approval.

Mr. Johnson reviewed that the system failed Title V on an environmentally sensitive site (next to Hood Pond and border vegetation wetland; the Wetlands were flagged. The system is 65 feet from the well.

A site plan dated June 9, 2010 was referenced.

Mr. Johnson identified the request for a waiver of the local upgrade for the distance from well to leaching area of 80 feet and a reduction of the size of the emergency storage in tank from 800 to

580 gallon capacity. The treatment device is designed for 440 gallon per day; without the treatment device the leaching area will double.

Mr. Topping noted his concern that the treatment system must be maintained in order for it to work properly and that this is a non enforceable action that is left up to the homeowner to maintain properly. He stated in his opinion the wetlands are better off with a traditional system if it is not going to be maintained citing the property is in an estate and it is unknown if the future owners will abide by the maintenance.

The BOH talked about the importance to protect the well.

Mr. Topping stated he supports the conventional system and noted the offset to the well is a vertical separation of 20ft. Mr. Coulon talked about the maintenance saying companies are required to notify the BOH if a homeowner does not comply with the contract.

Mr. Johnson observed that a conventional system will save on construction costs and requested and was granted time to redesign the plan and present it to the Board.

855 pm Mr. Hall arrived.

Mr. Johnson reviewed the plan as presented to the BOH; he then presented a redesign to include a conventional system.

Mr. Topping made a motion to reject the variance letter for 1 Pond Street from CG Johnson dated June 9, 2010 and that the BOH conditionally approve a septic plan for 1 Pond Street including the following variances: a reduction of setback of the leaching field from the well from 100 to 80 feet and a reduction in flow from 200 to 110 gallons per bedroom, per day as dictated in Title V, conditional on the applicant presenting a plan including a dual chamber compartment 1500 gallon tank with a 1000 gallon pump chamber. Dr Guerra seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT

Emergency Preparedness/ Medical Reserve Corps. - Update

NEW BUSINESS

Vote: Meeting Minutes Approval March, April, May

This was deferred to the next meeting.

Vote: Mosquito Control; Presentation of 2010 Mosquito/ Arbovirus Surveillance Summary and Vector Management Plan (Tabled from 5-27-2010)

Vote: Fair- Review of preparations, including question of requiring TBOH approval of Temporary Housing per 105 CMR 410.430 (Tabled from 5-27-2010)

Mr. Coulon reviewed the housing code saying it empowers the BOH to issue a permit for temporary housing lasting under 30 days e.g. mobile temp housing for residential home damaged in fire; carnival workers at fairs. It is before the Board for consideration to use for permitting authority and inspections for housing used at Topsfield Fair which can range from trailers, RVs, tents and rental unit trailers and wash trailers.

Mr. Coulon will bring language for such a permit/authority to the BOH for the July Meeting Vote.

Vote: Consider rescission of amendments adopted 7-24-2003 (Tabled from 5-27-2010)

Discussion regarding appearance in front of Board of Selectmen about Mutual Aid Agreement (Tabled from 5-27-2010)

OLD BUSINESS

95 River Road Regarding recent flooding allegedly from violations of town bylaw of storm water and alterations to the property.

Mr. Coulon reported he entered the property at 85 River Road and spoke to the home owners. He will monitor the situation and maintain contact. He commented that this is an issue that needs clarification of legal issues. This is under the jurisdiction of R: 1-3 Rules & Regulations Relative to the Installation and Maintenance of Storm Drains. Mr. Coulon reported he observed storm drains at 85 River Road.

The Health Agent will write a report and provide a copy to the Board at the next meeting.

267 Rowley Bridge Road (Alfalfa Farm)
12 Boston Street (English Commons)

COMMUNICATIONS
FINANCIALS

11:30 PM Mr. Topping made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Guerra seconded and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley