

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**One Liberty Lane**  
**Norfolk, MA 02056**

Meeting Minutes

**Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2015      Town Hall Meeting Room 214**

**Board of Health Members Attending**

Chairman:	Tom Gilbert
Clerk:	Cheryl Dunnington
Member:	Jeff Kane
Admin. Asst:	Betsy Fijol
Others:	Wade Saucier & Tom Houston/Health Agents

Tom Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**New Business**

**Project: Variance Hearing-9 Spring Street Septic System Upgrade**

**Applicant:** John Glossa/Glossa Engineering for the applicant

**Comments:** Tom Gilbert called the variance hearing to order at 7:30 pm and informed the applicant's engineer of the Board of Health requirements for issuing variances.

Mr. Glossa presented the proposed plan to upgrade the existing failed septic system for the two bedroom home at 9 Spring Street. Mr. Glossa explained that the applicant attempted to upgrade the septic system in 2001, but the Conservation Commission denied the alteration of the bordering vegetated wetland. The denial was based on concerns that the system could be designed farther away from local delineated wetland, but the design presented did not show all deep observation holes performed by the engineer at the time and lacked soil descriptions creating confusion. Since then, the homeowner has been renting the dwelling, unable to sell his real estate because he was unable to upgrade the septic system.

Mr. Glossa said that a second attempt was made to upgrade the septic system in June 2015 and soil examination revealed maximum groundwater was above the necessary depth for percolation testing. Soil samples were collected at depths presenting each percolation test for laboratory analysis and the results were a Class I sands, loamy sands with a long term acceptance rate of 0.66 gpd/sf.

Mr. Glossa stated that the variance request from Section 15.104 Percolation Testing & 15.105 Procedure for Performing a Percolation Test to allow the soil absorption system to be designed and constructed without a percolation test as allowed by Title 5.

Wade explained that the rear lot and beyond is subject to wetlands which will need to seek

approval from the Conservation Commission prior to the Board of Health's approval of the design. To allow the designer some flexibility to move the soil absorption system within the rear lot would be a fair and cost saving approach for the applicant when seeking approval from the Conservation Commission, as long as the changes do not create new Board of Health variances. Wade said if the Board seeks to approve the variance, then a suitable document is recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds signifying that no garbage grinder shall be installed or used in the dwelling and that the maximum number of bedrooms for the septic system is two.

Jeff moved to grant the variance as requested for 9 Spring Street to allow the soil absorption system to be designed and constructed without a percolation test as allowed by Title 5 with the condition that any future modifications to the plans are approved by the Health Agent and do not create new Board of Health variances. Cheryl seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

**Project: Agent Appointments**

Comments: Cheryl moved to appoint the following Board of Health Agents:

Wade Saucier & Tom Houston – Health Agents  
Betsy Fijol – BOH Admin. Assistant/Agent  
Carol Greene – Town Clerk for issuing Burial Permits  
Mark Oram – Sanitarian for restaurant inspections & Housing Code inspections  
Hilary Cohen – Animal Advisory Agent  
Ed Nolan – Emergency Preparedness Agent

Jeff seconded the motion. The motion carried, 3-0.

**Project: Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Comments: Cheryl moved to approve the 6/23/15 regular and executive session meeting minutes. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion carried, 3-0.

**Project: FY16 Walpole Area Visiting Nurse Contract**

Comments: Cheryl moved to accept the FY16 Walpole Area VNA contract. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion carried, 3-0.

**Next Meetings & Schedule**

The next Board of Health meeting was scheduled for October 20, 2015 and later changed to October 27, 2015.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryl Dunnington, Clerk