

BOARD OF HEALTH
One Liberty Lane
Norfolk, MA 02056

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 Town Hall Meeting Room 214

Board of Health Members Attending

Chairman:	Tom Gilbert
Clerk:	Cheryl Dunnington (Absent)
Member:	Jeff Kane
Admin. Asst:	Betsy Fijol
Others:	Wade Saucier/Health Agent

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

New Business

Project: 9 Old Coach Road Variance Hearing

Applicant: William Gottwald, Jr./DMG Associates

Comments: Tom called the variance hearing for 9 Old Coach Road to order at 7:32 pm by informing the applicant's engineer of the Board of Health requirements for issuing variances.

Mr. Gottwald presented the plan to upgrade the failed septic system for the existing 3 bedroom home at 9 Old Coach Road. Mr. Gottwald explained that due to the high groundwater on the site, he is requesting a variance for the use of a sieve analysis in lieu of a perc test and a reduction of high groundwater separation from the required 4' to 3' as allowed by Title 5.

Wade said that the request to use laboratory analysis testing is justified due to the high groundwater conditions. Wade said that he does not support the request for the reduction in groundwater separation because there are private wells in the area and the 4' vertical distance would provide additional sand filtration to separate and dry out harmful organisms. The design could be revised by raising the leaching area, adjust the height of the impervious barrier as well as the surrounding grading. The cost would be minimal since the original proposed design includes a pump chamber.

Jeff said that he agrees with Wade in keeping the 4' vertical separation and a smaller profile chamber could be used and the height of the system would not go up that much.

Mr. Gottwald said that he meets the well setback and DEP allows it to go from 4' to 3' and does not feel the health aspect is a strong case.

Jeff moved to grant the variance for the use of a sieve analysis in lieu of a perc test. Tom

seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff moved to deny the request for a variance for the use of a sieve analysis in lieu of a perc test and a reduction of high groundwater separation from the required 4' to 3'. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Leo Cullen, potential buyer of 9 Old Coach Road, said that he is under his inspection period with the bank and needs to make a decision in 4 days. He said he needs an approved septic design. Wade recommended that he talk to the design engineer about when he expects the revised septic plans to be submitted.

Project: Tobacco 21 Regulations

Comments: This discussion was continued to the next meeting because Cheryl was absent.

Discussion: Run and Gun Ranch/123 Seekonk Street

Comments: The Board was copied on a letter that was sent to the Board of Selectmen from a concerned neighbor regarding the Run and Gun Ranch located at 123 Seekonk Street. Two of the questions in the letter had to do with adequate toilet facilities for the participants and spectators and about the removal of horse waste. The Board asked Wade to provide a recommendation on the acceptable number of portable toilets for a total 60 participant/spectators and asked Wade to reach out to the Town Animal Inspector for his input on how the facility was being maintained.

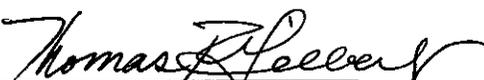
Next Meetings & Schedule

The next Board of Health meeting was scheduled for April 26, 2016.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Gilbert/Chairman