

BOARD OF HEALTH
One Liberty Lane
Norfolk, MA 02056

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 Town Hall Meeting Room 124

Board of Health Members Attending

Chairman:	Tom Gilbert
Clerk:	Frances Sullivan
Member:	Jeff Kane
Admin. Asst:	Betsy Fijol
Others:	Wade Saucier/Health Agent

Tom Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

6 Noonhill Avenue Variance Hearing-Tom called the hearing to order at 7:00 pm and informed the applicant of the Board of Health requirements for issuing variances.

Bob Vey from Norfolk Engineering/BIG Septic Service presented the plan to upgrade the existing failed septic system for an existing 4 bedroom home. Mr. Vey explained that the variance request is to allow the use of a sieve analysis in lieu of a percolation test in accordance with Title 5 due to the high groundwater when the two deep observation holes were dug.

Wade said that the request is straight forward. The existing septic system is in failure and environmental conditions prevented a percolation tests to be performed. The proposed soil absorption system is an Eljen B43 Module, which is an innovative alternative leaching facility unit and the state's approval letter allows the Eljen unit to be placed two feet above groundwater for this type of soil.

Jeff moved to grant the request to allow the use of a sieve analysis in lieu of a percolation test in accordance with Title 5 for 6 Noonhill Avenue. Fran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Pennacook Street Discussion – John Glossa/Glossa Engineer for the applicant Tim Martin explained that Mr. Martin owns 3 undeveloped lots on Pennacook Street. Each lot is about 30,000 square feet and there are wetlands to the rear of the property and has a high groundwater table. Several soil tests have been conducted on the properties and percolation tests have been difficult. There were several tests that were failed or abandoned, but there were some successful perc tests at the rear of the property. Mr. Glossa said that he feels that they meet Title 5 and

Board of Health regulations. Mr. Glossa said that they would be willing to conduct sieve analysis to establish the percolation rate, design the system without a garbage grinder or use and innovative alternative technology.

Wade said that Mr. Glossa is the third engineer that he has been working with on this project. The high groundwater makes it difficult to perc the soils, which is required by the State and the soils are inconsistent throughout the leaching facility to support an on-site septic system.

Jeff said that he agrees with Wade on this matter and said the Board of Health typically does not issue variances for new construction.

Mr. Glossa said that they had two passing perc tests in the footprint of the soil absorption system.

Wade said that he disagrees and the perc tests that were done showed inconsistent soils. Wade suggested additional testing in that area be done to prove the soil conditions are consistent.

Tom said it would be helpful to the Board to have a complete overview of what all the tests represent.

Medical Reserve Corps Planning Discussion

Fran said that she invited some people who have worked with the MRC in the past in hopes to get the process started again. Present were Ilene Segal/Veterinarian & MRC member, Ed Nolan/Emergency Management Director and Leandra Mclean/Walpole VNA Public Health Nurse.

Fran said the Town of Walpole MRC is very active and offers training classes for their volunteers and uses their flu clinics as training exercises.

Ed Nolan said that Norfolk is included in the Northeast regional Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Leandra McLean said that the Town, in conjunction with Rite Aid, has a flu clinic schedule for Thursday, October 12, 2017 from 2:30-6:30 pm at the Senior Center and is open to everyone ages 4 and older. It was discussed using Norfolk's flu clinic as an MRC training exercise.

Fran said she will try to pull together an MRC informational meeting and will update the Board at the next meeting.

Discussion about Dioxane levels at Landfill

Jeff said he would follow up with Bob McGhee.

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Comments: Jeff moved to accept the 6/6/17 meeting minutes as amended to include sending a letter supporting House Bill 2864. Fran seconded the motion. The motion carried, 3-0.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for September 12, 2017

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances Sullivan
Frances Sullivan/Clerk