



Town of Brookfield

BOARD OF HEALTH

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MEETING MINUTES

WENESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014

Members Present

Daniel F. Leahy – Chairman

Michael P. Seery – Vice Chair

Ronald Wassmer

Also present Secretary Lani Criasia

The Meeting opened at 5:00.

Others present for meeting:

Mr. Tim Simon, Conservation Commission

Ms. Maureen Lepak, Conservation Commission and owner of 121 Rice Corner Road

Mr. Chris Lepak, owner of 121 Rice Corner Road

Later to arrive Mr. Ken Cleveland, Conservation Commission

Review & Approve Minutes

Minutes of April 14, 2014

Minutes of May 12, 2014

Minutes of June 9, 2014

All minutes approved. Motion made by Mr. Seery, seconded by Mr. Wassmer. All were in favor.

June payroll and expense reports

June payroll and expense reports were approved, motion by Ron and seconded by Mike.

All in favor.

117 Rice Corner Road

Chairman Leahy discussed his court appearance from May 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Lepak, neighbors of 117 Rice Corner Road. Since that time an impervious barrier was installed to contain breakout. Chairman Leahy also explained to The Lepaks that as of this date (6.25.14) the Board has not yet received an as built for this system. Chairman Leahy is calling the Engineer for an update and a letter will be sent to owner, Mark Hammond, as well. The letter will impose another fine or possible condemnation of property.

Mr. Lepak asked what the possible cause of the failed system. The BOH responded that the d-Box was off level and effluent not being distributed evenly, one line was super saturated. Mrs. Lepak questioned the ditch that was dug from house to road and what that was for. Mrs. Lepak questioned the ditch that was dug from house to road and what that was for. She then informed the Board of Health that she heard second hand, that there was an illegal discharge from washer going under road. This was not substantiated and is hear say.

Chairman Leahy explained that there are three (3) factors that can come into play for failure of this system:

Design – This must be done to Title 5 specs

Installation – Installer must follow plan when installing

Use of System – un-regulated (common sense of owner)

The Board is expecting the as built as of 7/7/14, if not then it is back to court. It was asked if John Thomasian, BOH Title 5 Engineer, saw any of the inspections, he saw the component inspection only.

Mrs. Lepak moved the conversation to the Animals on the property- several dogs, horses are in question. The rabies for the dogs is up to date. Mr. Seery was informed that 4 of the horses have been removed from the property.

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17 Main Street (corner of 5 & 7 Green Street) Septic and Wetland Issues:

Mr. Tim Simon and Mrs. Maureen Lepak, Conservation Commission, were present for an update and discussion with Board on this property. The Board updated the Conservation Commission Members present on the complaints regarding 17 Main Street. The June 9, 2014 letter from Lee Jarvis was read. A pumping slip was brought in by Mr. Paquette and he stated that Barnes Septic had pumped out the tank, but that he has not yet contacted Richard Gobi. Mr. Simon of the Conservation Commission stated that the drainage area is not a protected resource and does not qualify for wetlands although the Army Corps of Engineers might be interested. The Board discussed the use of a possible tight tank but should try to install a system. Mr. Paquette should contact Mr. Gobi immediately. The Board made it clear to Mr. Paquette that he needs to correct the situation immediately and will follow up with an Order.

Transfer Station Updates:

The cabin has been relocated to the transfer station, it is safe and secure. Chairman Leahy and Mike extend their gratitude to Ron, he spent Father's day moving the cabin to its new location. Previously voted on was to spend a portion of the remaining transfer station expense account on materials and supplies, after discussing which items are in need of repair, Ron motioned to purchase materials necessary to fix roof at existing structures at the municipal transfer station. Seconded by Mike. All in favor. Mike to set up account for expenses.

Jacket Order for Transfer Station Crew

Ron stated that he is taking care of purchasing uniforms, jackets, for the Transfer station employees. Budget of \$500.00 – these items get purchased at FY end.

Review Transfer Station Bid specs for posting:

At a previous Board of Health meeting Casella's agreement renewal was discussed. At that time a motion was made to accept Casella proposal for 4 years, unless it is determined that it has to go out to bid. Mike researched and determined state law allows the Board to accept the contract without going to bid. Dan would like a walk through tour to be set up to see Casella, Mike will set up and invite the Board of Selectmen as well.

4 Beach St

Board voted to approve a plan for 4 Beach Street Septic system, design by Gobi Land Engineering and dated 12-2-12 revised 10-31-13 with the following local upgrades:

CMR 310 .15.211 Minimum Setback Distances:

SAS is 28' from Wetlands, 50' required (Approval by Conservation Commission Required)

SAS is 6' from Property line (Street side layout) 10' required.

SAS is 85' from well at 14 Lakeview (abutter notification verified, green cards presented)

The Board gave an update to the Commission Members for the variance request and approval. Mr. Simon stated that a Notice of Intent needs to be filed with the Conservation Commission, a point the Board made during their approval of the variance request. Mr. Simon questioned the design and approval. Mr. Leahy stated the BOH approved the design not the distance which is why the Conservation Commission approval is needed. The question of a tight tank arose and it was stated that a tight tank is only used as a last resort. A heated discussion followed. Mr. Leahy Stated that the BOH has the full authority and is required to look at placement of the septic system. Mr. Simon stated that he believes the BOH has not taken responsibility in the

location of this system. Mr. Leahy stated that the Sanitarian designing the system is licensed in Massachusetts to do the design. The discussion ended without resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lani Criasia
Secretary