

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2015

Board Members Donna Bagni, Chair, Gary Fine, Member, and Health Agent, Lisa Cullity, were present. The meeting opened at 6:33 p.m. The Board signed payroll. Fine moved to accept the minutes as written from the January 12, 2015 meeting, Bagni seconded. All in favor.

The Health Agent began her informational updates until 6:45 p.m. when a public hearing was scheduled.

- Outside of a few roof collapses and minor accidents, the Town suffered no major emergencies or power outages during the many recent snowstorms. However, many complaints and inquiries regarding the trash pick-up occurred. Most of the calls were transferred to the Selectmen's office as the trash and recycling is under that office's control and authority.
- **72 Four Winds Drive:** the property has been vacant as of February 16, 2015.

At 6:45 p.m., Fine moved to close the *public meeting* and open the *public hearing* regarding septic variances for **42 Taylor Point Road**. Bagni seconded. All in favor.

- Shayne McGlone, Engineer, was present. No abutters or other interested persons appeared. Tom Driscoll, Clerk of Board of Health, phoned in to join the meeting, but the call was lost soon after. As it is a very small lot, the variance requests were as follows: (1) a reduction in the required setback to *40 Taylor Point Road's* potable well to S.A.S. from 100' to 70', (2) a reduction the required setback to *42 Taylor Point Road's* potable well to S.A.S. from 100' to 50', (3) a reduction in the required setback to *44 Taylor Point Road's* potable well to S.A.S. from 100' to 75', (4) a reduction in the required setback to bordered vegetative wetlands (BVW) to S.A.S. from 100' to 25', (5) a reduction in the required setback from a public water supply tributary to S.A.S. from 200' to 103', (6) a reduction in the required setback from a public water supply tributary to septic tank from 200' to 81', (7) a variance to allow use of sieve analysis in place of a perc test due to high water, and (8) a variance to allow a 2-bedroom leaching size, using 110 gpd / bed from the required 300 square feet to a proposed 237 square feet. Fine moved to allow the variances as presented; Bagni seconded. All in favor.

At 6:51 p.m., Fine moved to closed the *public hearing* and reconvene the *public meeting*. Bagni seconded. All in favor.

Septic variances:

- **400 Washington Street** – Shayne McGlone, Engineer, present. (1) a reduction in the separation between the bottom of the S.A.S. (soil absorption system) and the maximum seasonal high-water table from 4' to 3', and (2) a variance to allow use of sieve analysis in place of perc test due to high water. Fine moved to allow the variances as presented; Bagni seconded. All in favor.

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- **105 Furnace Lane**– Shayne McGlone, Engineer, present. (1) a reduction in the required setback from a public water supply to the S.A.S. from 200' to 122', and (2) a reduction in the required setback from a public water supply to the septic tank from 200' to 110'. Fine moved to allow the variances as presented; Bagni seconded. All in favor.

Health Agent informational updates continued from beginning of meeting.

- **290 Center Street** – Glee Works. Changing focus from arts / crafts to a possible collaboration with Lori Cook, owner of A Fork in the Road Deli in Bryantville in the anticipation of opening up a second store.
- **204 Center Street** – overpopulated unit #15. An earlier investigation found that at least 8 people were living in that unit as well as a finished basement that had been converted into a bedroom. That overcrowding caused a violation of the State Sanitary Code. Owner stated at a later date some of the relatives had relocated bringing the count of those living there down to 4. Recent complaints by other residents saying that the relocated relatives had moved back resulted in another conversation with the owner who assured the Board of Health that is not true, but that his children and grandchildren visit very often. Agent stated she closed and filed the case until at such time proof of violation occurs.
- **Feral Cat Issue**. Agent stated it is working out on its own. However, one woman resident is still feeding a feral cat. With concern the feline may be rabid, Cullity suggested she stop feeding the feral cat and set it free or get it euthanized. She stated that feral cats have a short 2 to 3 year natural life span.
- **61 Adams Avenue** – septic issue. A broken pipe will be repaired as soon as enough snow has melted and the ground thaws enough to allow machinery to dig. As it is a Bio-Clear system, it is being monitored for safety and has shown no leakage of dangerous contaminants.
- **Inspectional Services** – a new account has been set up to provide payment for inspectional services (i.e. Food Establishments) by an outside source due to the time element involved in the Health Agent's schedule.

Fine moved to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.; Bagni seconded. All in favor.

Donna Bagni
Chair

