

## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2016

Board Members Donna Bagni, Chair; Thomas Driscoll, Clerk; and Lisa Cullity, Health Agent, were present. The meeting opened at 6:32 p.m. Chair Bagni read the following statement: *"Please note that this meeting is being made available to the public through an audio recording, which will be used to ensure an accurate record of proceeding produced in the minutes of the meeting. All comments made in open session will be recorded."* The Board signed payroll. Driscoll moved to accept the minutes from the March 21, 2016 meeting; Fine seconded. All in favor.

**32 Adams Avenue** – John Keefe, Engineer, Keefe Associates, and Dennis Leary, potential property buyer, were in attendance. The house is to be demolished and a new 3-bedroom house is to be rebuilt using the same footprint. Due to the lot size, Keefe requested a septic variance as follows: Reduction in the gallons per day per bedroom (gpd) from the required 150 gpd to 110 gpd. The Board requires a *3-bedroom deed restriction* is to be in place. Although the Board never allows septic variances on new construction and Bagni showed concern as to the close proximity of the septic and a body of water, they made an exception in this one case. Bagni moved to allow the variance, Driscoll seconded. All in favor.

Wind River Environmental - Eric Mueller, N. E. Southeast Branch Manager. The Board discussed business practices.

- All Title 5 inspections must be called into the Board of Health office no less than 24 hours of the inspection, Monday – Friday, giving the inspectors name, date of inspection and approximate time (a.m. or p.m.). A control number will be issued by the Board of Health, which must be entered on the Title 5 report cover page.
- Complaints: residents complain that they are being charged for 1500 gallon pumping when there is only a 1000 gallon tank. Mueller stated they are charged in 1000 gallon increments. If there is more than 1000 gallons pumped, another increment is charged. Mueller stated that tanks can hold a little more than 1000 gallons; if a few more is pumped, the next increment of 1000 gallons is charged. He also stated that the company would be responsible for getting septic information from the Board of Health, not the residents.
- Routine servicing: too frequent pumping. Mueller stated that when Wind River bought out some local pumping companies, the pumping contracts / records went to Wind River, which were put into their system. Cullity stated that the Town and its septic systems are to be taken off Wind River's routine pumping service per order of Town Administrator Ed Thorne. Bagni stated she is unhappy with the complaints.
- Transparency: Cullity wants more accuracy and consistency regarding Wind River records and more transparency with its customers.
- Mueller stated he will bring up these points at his next company meeting.

**135 Dwelley Street** – septic variance request as follows: Unable to perc test at depth of suitable material, sieve test performed – results 73% sand, 25% silt, 2% clay. Driscoll moved to allow variance; Bagni seconded. All in favor.

**55 King's Terrace** – septic variance request as follows: To allow a separation reduction between the high ground water and the bottom of the soil absorption system (SAS) from the required 4' to 3'. Bagni moved to allow the variance; Driscoll seconded. All in favor.

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Discussions:

- Fee / fine structure of illegal dumping of hazardous waste of all kinds in addition to other fees. The Board was informed by Town Counsel that fines must be pre-established before they can be issued. The Board will continue to work on future offense fines / fees.
- **17 High Avenue** update: the septic system has been replaced.
- Town Counsel issued a notice that the fee for copies is \$.05 per page but a separate administration fee may be assessed. The Board agreed the charge per page for Board of Health copies is \$0.50 per page (\$.05 for the copy, \$.45 administration fee). A request in writing is to be submitted for copying entire files or large amounts of records. This request will be fulfilled within 10 business days.

Bagni moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; Driscoll seconded. All in favor.

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Donna Bagni  
Chair