

LEICESTER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Montiverdi, (6:10) Debra Rigiero, Robin Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: Darlene O'Connor, Director; Eileen Dyson, Clerk

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2008

MEETING TIME: 5.30 PM

5:30 PM **Bill Review and Ratification**

Approval of Minutes:

Title V Reports – 202 Baldwin St. – Pass

29 Mayflower Circle - Pass

8 Maple Lane – Needs Further Evaluation

Zoning Board of Appeals –

6:00 PM **Board Discussion – Clean & Lien Program**

6:15 PM **Inspections:**

- Food
- Septic
- Housing and Trash
- Air

6:30 PM **Health Director Report**

A. OSHA Yearly Injury Report

B. Flu Clinics Schedule & Masspro Update

C. Job Descriptions - Nurse

D. 2 Woodland Drive – Update

E. Title V Inspections by James Brown - Update

E. Properties hooked into public sewerage
21-69 Main St.

17 Crestwood Rd.

F. Thank you note

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Debra Rigiero

Bill Review

MOTION: Ms. Wood moved to accept and ratify the bills as presented

SECONDED: Ms. Rigiero **DISCUSSION:** None

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Minutes: No minutes.

Title V Reports

2 Passing Title V's. Also 6 Traci Place has a passing Title V

The Title V report for 8 Maple Lane needed further evaluation due to required water test. The water results that we received showed passing results for Title V, however there were some VOC items noted.

Ms. Rigiero asked what the Board could do to have the water rechecked.

Ms. O'Connor stated it was not a new well and that the Broker was told of the situation.

MOTION: Ms. Rigiero moved to allow the passing Title V and have a letter sent to the bank with a strong recommendation to have the water retested within 30 days and to notify the prospective new owner of the results

SECOND: Ms. Wood

DISCUSSION: None

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Board Discussion: 314 Stafford Street

Ms. O'Connor introduced Mr. & Mrs. Dennis O'Day who were at the meeting to discuss a betterment loan and septic installation. She explained the details of the failed system and the progress that has been made with this project.

Mr. O'Day expressed a concern with the amount of money the loan would cost and the additional amount that would be added to his taxes and wasn't sure if he could afford it at this time.

Ms. O'Connor explained that a failed system is required to be replaced or upgraded within two years.

Mr. O'Day gave a brief history of the property in which he stated a new system was put in about 1987 and it failed shortly after that. He also stated he was having no problem with his system at this time.

Ms. O'Connor explained that a Septic System does not rejuvenate itself. She also explained to the Board that the Title V requirements are developed by DEP and we are required to follow them.

Ms. Rigiero asked how the betterment worked.

Ms. Alexander explained the amortization process and the rate schedule adopted at Town Meeting.

Ms. O'Connor explained that the property has had septic problems since they bought the property in 1987.

Mr. O'Day asked if he had to put in a new system.

Ms Rigiero asked if a Title V could be done or could they afford to do the system in the spring.

Mr. Montiverdi said the approved septic plan is good until August 2009.

Ms. Rigiero suggested calling the banks for different program that are offered to see if they get a better quote.

Ms. O'Connor suggested that the O'Days continue to get more quotes and to see what they can get for prices since the economy has experienced changes, septic installations quotes may have changed. The repair must move forward.

Board Discussion: Clean & Lien Program.

Ms. O'Connor gave a brief description of the Clean & Lien Program which is allowable through MGL. The Board of Health can pay to clean up property and then put a lien on the property for repayment. Ms. O'Connor has been working diligently to clean up several properties in town, however it is very time consuming. This program may work for these particular properties. The program has been established in Spencer and works well. The Board of Health would need about Five Thousand dollars for start up and it would be in a revolving account as the liens were paid off by the owner, the money would replenish the revolving account. Then Ms. O'Connor could follow through with tickets and fines.

Mr. Montiverdi suggested looking into the program further.

Inspections:

Food

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Septic 16

Board Discussion: DEP sent back their approval of our outdoor wood boiler Regulations. They recommend approval but offered advisement for our fine structure. They advised following the State fine structure.

Mr. Montiverdi asked if we need to charge a penalty for them.

Ms. Rigiero asked if Ms. O'Connor could call Mark Cohen and ask him.

The Regulation will be advertised in the Worcester Telegram and the Spencer New Leader under the Legal Section. It will also appear on our Website. We will allow applications with a fee moratorium for the first 30 days. All existing Outdoor Wood Boiler owners will have 60 days in which to seek a permit.

Health Director Report

1. OSHA report given to the Board to review
2. Job Descriptions. Ms. O'Connor shared with the Board Job Descriptions and Pay Scales for the Nurse Position. There was brief discussion on Contract versus Employee status for our Public Health Nurse.
3. 2 Woodland Drive- Ms. O'Connor discussed with the Board an inspection at the property. The tenants are in the process of moving out. DCS was involved in the inspection. She will go and re inspect on October 15, 2008.
Ms. Rigiero asked if they were owners
Ms. O'Connor stated they were not.
4. Title V-Inspections – Thirteen letters were sent out to the residents that were affected by the Title V inspections performed by James Brown while he was not licensed. Several of residents have called to inquire about the letter. Vance Granville, a licensed septic hauler, has requested a listing of all affected properties.
5. Properties hooked into Public Sewer
 - a. 21-69 Main St.
 - b. 17 Crestwood St.
 - c. 42 Redfield Rd
 - d. 4 Monterey Drive
 - e. 275 and 325 Pleasant St. Hillcrest Country Club adjacent house.
6. The Board of Health received a Thank You card for helping a resident with a complaint.
7. MAHB – November 15th – Marlboro-all staff will attend.
8. MHOA – October 28 – Darlene, Robin and Christopher to attend.

MOTION: Ms Rigiero moved to adjourn the meeting

SECONDED: Ms. Wood Discussion: None

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next Meeting December 9, 2008 at 5:30 pm in meeting room 3 lower level of the Town Hall.