

LEICESTER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Montiverdi, Robin Wood, Debra Rigiero

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

MEETING DATE: December 9, 2008

MEETING TIME: 5.30 PM

AGENDA:

- 5:30 PM **Bill Review and Ratification - None**
Approval of Minutes: 8/12/08, 9/9/08, 11/25/08
Title V Reports
437 Rawson St. – Pass 20 Leela Lane - Pass
12 Lexington St. – Fail 80 Baldwin St. – Fail
11 Lexington St. - Fail
Title V Re-inspection Reports
355 Pleasant St. –Pass 30 Mayflower Rd. - Pass
2 Boyd St. – Pass 394 Henshaw St. - Pass
- 6:00 PM **Board Discussion – Title V**
- 6:15 PM **Inspections:**
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| Food | 1 | Septic | 17 |
| Well | 1 | Trash | 2 |
| Housing | 3 | | |
- 6:30 PM **Health Director Report**
- 1. Flu Clinic**
 - 2. Emergency Preparedness Drill**
 - 3. Wellness Program**

Meeting called to order at 5:50 PM by Debra Rigiero, Vice Chariman

Bill Review

Minutes: 8/12/08, 9/9/08, 11/25/08

MOTION: Ms. Wood moved to accept minutes as presented

SECOND: Ms. Rigiero DISCUSSION: None

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Title V Reports – We have three failed Title V reports. 12 Lexington Ave has already had a perc test done. Letters were sent to the homeowners of the failed systems. None of them show an imminent health hazard at this time.

Re-inspection reports of the Title V's that were originally done by James Brown without a proper state license have been received. The re-inspections were performed by Mr. Benjamin Hayes who is a DEP certified Title V Inspector. Ms. O'Connor did a site visit at four properties that the Board of Health received Title V reports for. She then went out on site visits with David Boyer of DEP on Friday December 4, 2008. She discussed with Mr. Boyer her concern about the validity of the reports since it appears that there is any ground disturbance at the sites visited. She

explained that the complaint is now given to DEP and they will investigate it and will make a determination. We will be notified of any decision regarding this matter.

Rigiero asked who would need to pay if the Board decided that additional Title V testing be done by a third party.

Ms. O'Connor stated that she was not sure at this point.

Mr. Montiverdi asked if there was enough reasonable cause found by Ms. O'Connor and Mr. Boyer to suggest that new Title V inspections were not done.

Ms. O'Connor said that was correct.

Mr. Montiverdi suggested contacting our legal counsel and possible contract to have our own Title V inspections done with the bill being paid for by James Brown.

Ms. O'Connor stated that Mr. Brown cannot be located. DEP has been unsuccessful in reaching him for a scheduled meeting. Ms. O'Connor suggested that we use our revolving septic account for the expenses should the Board require new testing to be done.

Ms. Rigiero suggested talking to legal counsel and to hold off on any decision until we hear back from DEP with their official findings.

Ms. O'Connor stated she is not sure what DEP will do, there is a possibility for DEP to revoke his certification.

Mr. Montiverdi questioned whether we should send another letter as follow-up to the home owners explaining that the second Title V received by the Board of Health was completed without an actual Title V inspection being done.

Ms. Rigiero stated that she would like to hold off until we hear from DEP. They may determine the Title V's are valid. She suggests we talk to our legal counsel on this matter.

Ms. O'Connor stated she will update the Board after the DEP hearing. She discussed how the site visits with Dave Boyer were conducted.

Inspections:

Ms. O'Connor reviewed recent inspections.

Food - Baby's Breath – An infant residential home located at the Nazareth was granted authorization to open.

Well –

16 Maighan's Way The existing well was decommissioned and we are awaiting the well completion report and well results for the new well that was drilled on the property.

47 Green St –Geo - Thermo well- Our first of this type of well is being drilled for a newly constructed residence. DEP was contacted and several discussions have taken place with the engineer who designed it for the requirements that must be met prior to its use.

Ms. Rigiero asked if this was a drinking well also.

Ms. O'Connor stated that it was.

Housing –

18 Pleasant St. – Housing order has been issued and the owner has not complied. The court has issued a capias.

Director Report:

A. Flu Clinic- January Date

Cheryl looked for available vaccine

Mr. Montiverdi stated he may be able to get 50 doses.

Ms. O'Connor stated they were looking at January 10 as a possible Saturday date for the clinic and that pre-registration would be required.

B. Emergency Preparedness Drill

Ms. Rigiero received a call and responded that she could do it.

Ms. O'Connor stated that they are conducting drills and we need to be prepared for them. This includes all the Board members being aware of emergency response procedures.

C. Wellness Program

A session has been set up with MIAA to come in on December 16, 2008 to hold a holiday healthy eating class from 3-4 PM. We will also present 3 additional classes in January. Exercise classes will be set up as well.

Mr. Reed is involved and supports the Board of Health in this healthy endeavor.

D. Permit Renewals are in the process of being sent out.

E. Septic System Installation Moratorium goes into effect on December 15th and extends to March 15th.

F. Well Awareness program – Mr. Montiverdi suggested utilizing funds from our Health Clinic/Flu Account to have an educational clinic regarding wells and well testing. He will look into labs that do the testing.

Ms. Rigiero stated there may be a conflict of interest as we will be the department requiring upgrades or corrections if the results are not conforming to current regulations.

E. The Flu Pandemic class will be held February 3, 4, and 5th. Ms. O'Connor will look into it.

MOTION: Ms. Rigiero moved to adjourn meeting

SECONDED: Ms. Wood Discussion: None

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next Meeting January 13, 2009 at 5:30 pm in meeting room 3 lower level of the Town Hall.