

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of April 23, 2015
Report covers from April 9 to April 23, 2015
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A. Inspection Report Reviews

None

B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations

(1) 8 Sumac Dr, Map 19, Lot 17

I witnessed soil testing on this property for replacement of a failed system.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews

(1) 90 Conomo Point Rd., Calder

I reviewed the "as built" plan for this property and after receipt on needed information, issued the Certificate of Compliance.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

D. Septic System Installations

90 Conomo Point Rd., Calder

I performed a final cover inspection on this tight tank installation and confirmed no water infiltration into the tank.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

(2) 6 Robbins Island Rd.,

I inspected the installed sewer line for this tight tank. Installation had been postponed during the winter weather.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

E. Building Permit Applications & Occupancy Permits

(1) 125 Rocky Hill Rd., Cataldo, Map 6, Lot 33C *

We received a BP application for this property to "construct new bedroom and bath to replace second floor bedroom". The Assessor's files have this listed as a 2 br house. The owner states that it was once 3 bedrooms, but they removed one.

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They now want to add a third bedroom back to the house. Our files show a 4 bedroom septic system serving the property.

The proposed location of the addition does not interfere with the septic system components.

*Recommendation: I recommend endorsement of this application, **dated 4-10-15.***

(2) 125R Rocky Hill Rd., Cataldo, Map 6, Lot 36*

We received a BP application for this property for “addition to existing home, add new two story addition”. The house is an existing 1 bedroom house. The proposed addition will enlarge the house to 3 bedrooms. The applicant has a 2014 approved septic plan to enlarge it to 3 br capacity. The floorplan shows 3 bedrooms on the second floor and a studio on the first floor. One of the second floor bedrooms is the existing bedroom and has no door. There will be no change to this structure. Because of this, I have no objection to the first floor studio – the existing br offers no privacy & doesn't meet the definition for a bedroom.

One issue with the submitted plans is that they show a crawl space foundation. The approved septic design plans are approved with a stilt foundation only. The tank and field do not meet the crawl space setbacks, & due to the increase in flow, this is classified as new construction with no local upgrade approvals granted.

*Recommendation: I recommend endorsement of this undated dated application **with the clear notation that a stilt foundation only is allowed, unless the septic system is redesigned to meet the setback requirements.***

This application has been pulled by the applicant to await relocation of the septic tank and setback of the addition.

(3) 36R2 Story St., Kempeskie, Map 35, Lot 30C *

This BP application was approved by the BOH on 10-9-14 for a garage with two 1 BR units above. The applicant wants to now change it to the same footprint with a garage and one 2 BR unit above. I have no issue with this.

Recommendation: Endorsement of the change to this BP application.

F. Well Water Supply Certificates

None

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G. Meetings Attended (for information only)

(1) Health & Education

I attended our regular subcommittee group meeting. Discussion was on upcoming changes and reassessing the direction of the group.

(2) DPH Regional Meeting

DPH hosted a meeting of local Health Officers at their regional office in Tewksbury to discuss our issues of concern and how DPH can assist us. Some new administrative changes were discussed (freeze on state regulations, upcoming state workforce reductions).

(3) Community Sanitation – Annual Seminar

I attended this annual meeting. Discussion was on Camp Regulations, housing, Christians Law, and other DPH regulations.

(4) HMCC Discussion

Massachusetts Department of Public Health is implementing six regional Health and Medical Coordinating Coalitions (HMCC) in Massachusetts. These six multidisciplinary HMCC will carry out the functions of healthcare coalitions. Representation in these coalitions will be public health, hospitals, emergency medical, ambulatory care, long term care, and community health. One of the contenders to fill the state appointed position as coordinator of our region's coalition held a meeting to present their information.

(5) Special NS/CAEPT Meeting

The North Shore Cape Ann Emergency Planning Team held a special meeting to vote for concurrence with DPH's next year proposal for the coalitions.

H. Complaints

(1) Farm Restaurant *

We received a complaint of overflowing trash dumpsters at the Farm. I inspected and sent a violation notice. Bobbie followed up and performed a full inspection. The dumpsters were full, but she did find additional violations.

Recommendation: Board signature on enforcement order for additional violations.

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I. Hazards Abated Via Enforcement Orders

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J. Other Issues

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K. Tracking of Housing, Food Service, and Other Miscellaneous Board Issues

(1) 44 Addison St., Ageloff Map Lot *

I received a complaint from a landlord to perform an inspection of this property.
With the tenant's permission I performed an inspection.

Recommendation: Board signature of enforcement order for this property.