

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of April 27, 2017
Report covers from 04/13/17 – 04/26/17
Items requiring Board vote are noted with an asterisk ()*

A. Inspection Report Reviews

(1) 280 Southern Avenue, Gardner, Map 213, Lot 10*

I have reviewed the Title 5 report for the inspection conducted at this property on April 4, 2017, by Alex Filias. I am in agreement with the inspector's determination that this system passes the official Title 5 inspection.

Recommendation: I recommend a letter be sent to the property owner stating the Board of Health is in agreement with the determination of the inspector, Alex Filias, that the system passes the official Title 5 inspection conducted on April 4, 2017.

B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations – information only

None.

C. Septic System Design Plan Review

None.

D. Septic System Installations/Abandonments (informational only)

(1) 118R-2 Martin Street, McKay, Map 134, Lot 15-3

I signed the Certificate of Compliance for the abandonment of this system in anticipation of connection to municipal sewer.

(2) 54 Eastern Ave, Corrao, Map 136, Lot 35

I signed the Certificate of Compliance for the abandonment of this system in anticipation of connection to municipal sewer.

(3) 52R Lufkin Point Road, Lufkin Point LLC, Map 110, Lot 68

I inspected the septic tank installation at this property.

E. Well Water Supply

None.

F. Building Permit Requests

(1) 19 Soginese Road, Spence, Map 112, Lot 7*

The property owner is proposing to install a natural swimming pool/pond on the property. Based on the architect's drawing, the pool will be approximately 40' from the septic tank and approximately 160' from the leachfield. This natural swimming pond will have an impervious liner constructed of sodium bentonite clay combined with geosynthetics, ensuring there will be no interfacing with the groundwater table. The proposed pool meets all the state and local setback requirements from septic system components.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health allow sign-off on the building permit for a natural swimming pool.

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(2) 176 John Wise Avenue, Lane, Map 106, Lot 9 (informational only)

I signed the building permit application for a proposed addition at this property. The owner is proposing expanding from a single family home to a duplex. The new septic system was approved on April 13, 2017 with a capacity for 440 gpd/4 bedrooms total.

G. Complaints/Concerns

(1) 198 Southern Avenue, Ishikawa, Map 209, Lot 2

I received a complaint that there was a dead horse on top of the manure pile located approximately 20' from the road. The complainant stated that the horse was rotting, and appeared to have been there for some time. I attempted to contact Amy Reilly, Animal Control Officer, and then performed a site visit. During this visit I noted that the horse appeared to be sleeping, but lifted his head when I called to him. I continued to observe as he got up and meandered throughout the property, eating hay. I relayed this information to both Ms. Reilly and the complainant.

(H) Other Business

(1) TIPS Training, Ipswich, April 24

We held this free Training for Intervention Procedures for any interested alcohol retailers in our Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative communities (Essex, Beverly, Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, and Ipswich.) The training was funded by the SAPC grant, and it was held at En Fuego, with no cost for using the space. There were 28 participants in this training session.

(2) North Shore Public Health Workshop, Hamilton, April 26

This meeting consisted of representatives of several North Shore health departments. The main topic of discussion was to review the Beverly Hospital/AGH 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment and discuss the findings. The particular concerns for Essex included housing costs, as well as mental health, substance use, and alcohol use (included emergency room visits and hospital stays for those three). Essex had rates of emergency room visits for substance use and alcohol use that were significantly higher than the rest of Essex County and the state.

(3) North Shore Regional Policy Makers' Forum, Gloucester, April 28

This forum will be held to discuss the community implications surrounding the passage of the marijuana law. Panel members include Katherine Laughman from Kopelman & Paige, Chief John Carmichael from the Walpole Police Department, and Elise Ressa, a social worker from Boston Children's Hospital. This event will be moderated by Attorney Robert Visnick.

(4) National Drug Disposal Day, April 29

Essex is participating again in this national event sponsored by the DEA. As in previous years, this will be held at the Police and Fire Station on 24 Martin Street from 10am-1pm, and will be supervised by the Essex Police Department. We are able to take any prescription and over-the-counter medications that are in pill form (no liquids or creams) with no questions asked. I will also take any sharps that are properly contained to add to our sharps disposal box located at Town Hall.