

**Administrator's Report**  
**Board of Health Meeting of December 17, 2015**  
*Report covers from 11-19 to 12-16, 2015*  
*Items requiring Board vote are noted with an asterisk (\*)*

**A. Inspection Report Reviews**

(1) 30 Pond Street, Tindley, Map 146, Lot 4\*

I have reviewed the Title 5 inspection report for this property and am in agreement with the inspector, John Duncan, that the system passes the inspection conducted on November 9, 2015. \*Prior to the inspection, the septic tank was opened and found to be leaking and deteriorated. It was replaced on October 26, 2015.

*Recommendation: I recommend that the Board send a letter to the property owner stating that we are in agreement with the determination of the inspector and that this system passes the inspection conducted on November 9, 2015 by John Duncan.*

(2) 44 Lufkin Point Road, Piper, Map 109, Lot 1\*

I have reviewed the Title 5 inspection report for this property and am in agreement with the inspector, John Duncan, that the system passes the inspection conducted on November 12, 2015. Due to the proximity of the leaching area to the subject property well, and the well located at 52 Lufkin Point Road, water analyses were conducted prior to the inspection. Both tests found the drinking water to be adequate. In addition, the report for this property indicates that there is a (non-functioning) garbage disposal; this should be removed.

*Recommendation: I recommend that a letter be sent to the property owner stating that we are in agreement with the determination of the inspector and that this system passes the inspection conducted on November 12, 2015. However, the property owner should be notified that use of a garbage disposal with an undersized septic system may cause premature failure.*

**B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations**

(1) 22 John Wise Avenue, Ginn, Map 120, Lot 4

I witnessed soil testing as the first step in developing this lot for new construction.

*Recommendation: None - Informational only.*

**C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews**

(1) 17 Apple Street, Messersmith, Map 142, Lot 19\*

I have reviewed the septic design for this property, designed by John Judd, dated November 16, 2015 and received by our office on November 19, 2015. I have found the proposed septic system to be in compliance with state and local regulations.

*Recommendation: I recommend that a letter be sent to the property owner stating that the Board of Health **approves the septic design dated November 16, 2015.***

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(2) 164 John Wise Avenue, Sturgis Realty Corporation, Map 106, Lot 4\*

I have reviewed the septic design for this property, designed by John Judd, dated November 12, 2015 and received by our office on November 19, 2015. I have found the proposed septic system to be in compliance with state and local regulations.

*Recommendation: I recommend that a letter be sent to the property owner stating that the board of Health **approves the septic design dated November 12, 2015.***

(3) 160 John Wise Avenue, Sturgis Realty Corporation, Map 106, Lot 3

This plan was approved in 2009 and resubmitted since the approval had lapsed. As this is a 'repair' of an existing system that was permitted during the time period specified in the Permit Extension Act of 2012, this approval is automatically extended. The new expiration date of this approval is November 12, 2016.

*Recommendation: None – informational only*

**D. Septic System Installations/Abandonments**

(1) 143 John Wise Avenue, Storey, Map 22, Lot 8

I conducted the final inspection of this system and witnessed the test of the pressure-dosed leachfield.

*Recommendation: None – informational only*

(2) 2 Sumac Drive, Gammons, Map 10, Lot 3

I inspected the distribution box replacement (completed by Chris Roberts) at this property. The Certificate of Compliance was signed on 12/14/2015.

*Recommendation: None – informational only*

**E. Building Permit Applications & Occupancy Permits**

(1) 9 Lowland Farm Road, Campbell, Map 9, Lot 12\*

I reviewed the building permit application for this property and have noted that the proposed project does not impact the septic system components or setback requirements.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health allow sign-off on this project.*

(2) 17 Lufkin Point Road, Brockman, Map 110, Lot 72\*

I reviewed the building permit application for this property and have noted that the proposed project does not impact the septic system components or setback requirements.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health allow sign-off on this project.*

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(3) 19 Soginese Road, Spence, Map 112, Lot 7\*

I reviewed the building permit application for this property and have noted that the proposed project does not impact the proposed septic system components or setback requirements. However, I noted that the proposed building plans show a “rinse station” – detail for this area was clarified to ensure this is not an outdoor shower that needs to be connected to the proposed septic system.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health allow sign-off on this project as designed.*

**F. Well Water Supply Certificates**

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

I received the report and water analysis for the well dug on this property.

*Recommendation: None – informational only*

**G. Meetings Attended (for information only)**

- (1) CAEPT monthly meeting (Manchester, December 3)
- (2) SAPC grant (Gloucester, November 30) – Planning meeting for the grant awarded to Essex, Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, and Beverly focusing on youth substance abuse prevention.
- (3) PHEP meeting (Peabody, November 18) – Update on grant deliverables (call-down drill has been completed), flu clinics and MRC volunteer availability, and avian flu concerns.
- (4) TIPS training (Essex, December 8) – Training for Intervention Procedures for both on-premise and off-premise alcohol licensees in town was provided at no cost to attendees as part of the Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative (SAPC) grant.

**H. Complaints**

(1) 12 Harry Homans Drive, Burke, Map 143, Lot 10

I received a complaint from the occupant of this property requesting an inspection for various violations of the Housing Code (105 CMR 410). An inspection was scheduled and then cancelled by the occupant prior to being conducted, with the occupant stating he and his family were moving at the beginning of January and no further inspections were being requested. I sent a letter acknowledging this and cc'd the property owner with the request that a reinspection be conducted prior to reoccupancy.

*Recommendation: None – informational only.*

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(2) 139 Gregory Island Road, Wendell, Map 155, Lot 43

I received a complaint from a neighbor that extensive renovations were in process at this location, and the septic system was in failure. Review of the file showed that both septic systems (one for the main house and one for the guest house) had failed unofficial Title 5 inspections in 2007. No evidence of further action (i.e. perc test/soil evaluation or septic design) was found. However, while the septic systems are located in Essex, the physical structures are located in Hamilton; the Hamilton Board of Health has no record of the septic system failure.

Since the inspections revealing the failures were “unofficial”, an enforcement letter was sent to the property owners to have official Title 5 inspections done no later than December 28, 2015, with the report sent to the Essex BoH by January 4, 2016.

*Recommendation: None – informational only.*

**I. Hazards Abated Via Enforcement Orders**

None

**J. Other Updates/Requests**

(1) Inlet Café, Ken Murray (manager), 121 Eastern Avenue\*

This proposed sandwich shop has participated in a pre-opening inspection. There were a few concerns and recommendations that will be address, as well as a more extensive menu than was initially proposed. Mr. Murray believes he will be ready for a final inspection at the end of December and wishes to open around January 1, 2016.

*Recommendation: I request that the Board allow sign-off on the food service permit for the Inlet Café provided the final inspection shows all concerns have been addressed.*