

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of December 18, 2014
Report covers from November 20 to December 17, 2014
Items requiring Board vote are noted with an asterisk ()*

A. Inspection Report Reviews

(1) 1 Laurel Lane, Drinkwater, Map 7, Lot 28*

I reviewed the Title 5 inspection report for the 3 houses on this property served by a common septic system. I am in agreement with the determination of the inspector that this system is in failure. A couple of corrections are required on this report. The system sketch must show the location of the private well serving the property and the type of s.a.s must be confirmed – page 8 notes it as a leach pit and page 13 states it as a trench.

*Recommendation: Upon revision of the report, I recommend that the Board send a letter to the property owner stating that you are in agreement with the determination of the inspector, Jared Clark, that the system **failed the October 28, 2014 inspection**, due to failure of the leach area.*

(2) 1 Laurel Lane – Repair Garage, Drinkwater, Map 7, Lot 28*

I reviewed the Title 5 inspection report for the repair garage on this property. I am in agreement with the determination of the inspector that this system passed the inspection. The inspection notes heavy solids in the tank and d-box.

*Recommendation: I recommend that the Board send a letter to the property owner stating that you are in agreement with the determination of the inspector, Jared Clark, that the system **passed the 7-17-14 inspection**; however, due to heavy solids noted in the septic tank and distribution bod, these components must be pumped within 30 days.*

(3) 1 Laurel Lane – Warehouse/Shop, Drinkwater, Map 7, Lot 28*

I reviewed the Title 5 inspection report for the Warehouse/Shop on this property. I am in agreement with the determination of the inspector that this system passed the October 28, 2014 inspection.

*Recommendation: I recommend that the Board send a letter to the property owner stating that you are in agreement with the determination of the inspector, Jared Clark, that the system **passed the October 28, 2014 inspection**.*

B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations

None

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C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews

(1) 12 Town Farm Rd., Mayer, Map 19, Lot 40*

I reviewed the design for a tight tank to serve this property. The applicant is also requesting a local upgrade approval to reduce the property line setback. The required paperwork for has been submitted, however, we are still waiting for the owners signature.

Recommendation: Informational only. I was given permission to sign off on this at the last meeting & will do so, upon receipt of the required signature.

(2) 101 Conomo Point Rd., Mayer, Map 19, Lot 102*

I reviewed the revised design for a tight tank to serve this property. The first revision still needed a minor correction (shortening of the time between the high water alarm in the tank and required pumping). Because I was given permission to act on this plan prior to this meeting, I disapproved this plan, **dated 10-27-14, with an 11-24-14 revision date.**

Recommendation: I recommend retroactive disapproval of this plan.

(3) 101 Conomo Point Rd., Mayer, Map 19, Lot 102*

I reviewed the revised design for a tight tank to serve this property. The final correction has been made. Because I was given permission to act on this plan prior to this meeting, I approved this plan, **dated 10-27-14, with a final revision date of 12-4-14.**

Recommendation: I recommend retroactive approval of this plan.

(4) 2 Rocky Hill Rd, Ramsey, Map 5, Lot 10 *

I have reviewed the most recent revised plan for this property, received 12-10-14 and noted the following required changes –

- (1) The top of the liner elevation doesn't meet breakout.
- (2) The septic tank dimensions are notes as for a fiberglass tank, rather than a proposed concrete tank.
- (3) The perc test is approx.. 7' out of the s.a.s.
- (4) There is only part of 1 test pit in the leach field.

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- (5) The pump chamber needs an inlet tee.
- (6) The tank model noted is not for a two compartment tank.
- (7) The distribution box should be located outside of the leach field.

Recommendation: I recommend disapproval of this plan, dated 12/8/14, for the above reasons.

(5) 162 Southern Ave., Henderson, Map 6, Lot 5A *

I started, but did not complete the review for this system. I will present it at the next meeting.

Recommendation: None. Informational only at this time.

D. Building Permit Applications & Occupancy Permits

(1) 55 Story St., Nickerson, Map X, Lot X

I sent Mr. Nickerson our Demo requirements, but haven't heard back from him.

Recommendation: None at this time.

E. Well Water Supply Certificates

None

F. Meetings Attended (for information only)

NC/CAEPT

I attended the regularly scheduled North Shore/Cape Ann Emergency Planning Team meeting.

MA in Motion Grant meeting

Gloucester was awarded the grant that they applied for jointly with Essex, Manchester & Rockport. They sponsored a meeting to discuss it. Reps from all 4 Cape Ann communities were present, as were MA DPH reps. We discussed existing community programs in the communities related to healthy eating and activities.

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G. Complaints

None

H. Hazards Abated Via Enforcement Orders

None

I. Other Issues

(1) Personal Time *

I used 4 hours personal time on 11.

Recommendation: Approval of time used.

(2) FY 2016 Budget *

Our FY '16 budgets are due to the Town Accountant by Jan. 12 – we do have another meeting on Jan. 8. I have drafted a proposed budget for your review & comments.

Recommendation: Discussion.

(3) Underage Drinking and Other Drug Use Regional Grant Opportunity *

The Mass Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services just released funding that originated with SAMHSA (the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) to prevent underage drinking and other drug use across the Commonwealth. Grants in the amount of \$100,000 will be awarded.

Gloucester has had this funding for the past 5 years through their substance abuse prevention coalition, so they have a staffing infrastructure and policies, trainings etc in place already.

However as with all other funding from MDPH, they now will accept applications from regional clusters only. Gloucester cannot apply for these dollars on their own. The City of Beverly is one of their partners on the Opiate Grant application, but Gloucester needs other communities and has extended the offer to all of Cape Ann to partner with them.

The grant will develop a strategic plan to implement policy, systems and environmental changes to counteract underage drinking and drugging.

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The grant is due on January 9th so short turnaround time. Gloucester is able to be the lead on those tasks that are needed to successfully put the grant application together. They also have a grantwriter.

I have contacted Our Town Administrator, Police & Fire Chiefs to determine their interest. Brendhan said the BOS will support the decision of the BOH, Fire & Police. Chief Silva is interested & I haven't heard back from Chief Doucette.

Recommendation: Discussion.