

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of Jan. 23, 2014
Report covers from January 10 to 22, 2014
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A. Inspection Report Reviews

None

B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations

None

C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews

(1) 15 Lufkin Point Rd., a/k/a 0 Lufkin Point Rd., Kitsis, Map 20, Lot 2B*

I reviewed the revised plan for this property. All required revisions have been made.

Recommendation: I recommend approval of this plan, dated 1-31-07, with a final revision date of 1-13-14.

(2) 19 Soginese Rd., Cushing, Map 18, Lot 2*

I reviewed the revised septic plan for this property. All required corrections have been made.

Recommendation: I recommend approval of this plan, dated 11-19-13, with a revision date of 1-20-14.

D. Septic System Installations

None

E. Building Permit Applications & Occupancy Permits

(1) 11 Cogswell Rd., Ginley, Map 19, Lot 52*

I reviewed the building permit application for this property for “new siding, new windows, new kitchen cabinets, rebuild existing 3 season porch on original footprint, outside porch (front), trim boards”. The existing septic system (cesspool) is not in the area of the proposed exterior work.

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Recommendation: As long as the rebuilt 3 season porch remains as a three season porch only, I have no objection to the endorsement of this application, dated 1-28-14.

(2) 22 John Wise Ave., Ginn, Map 13, Lot 15*

I reviewed the building permit application for this property for “2 bathrooms to replace 1 upstairs bedroom”. This is not an increase in septic design flow.

Recommendation: I recommend endorsement of this application, dated 12-12-13.

(3) 9 Milk St., Von Gumpfenberg, Map 10, Lot 25*

I reviewed this application to build an “open grooming area-no plumbing”. I do have some questions and concerns about the proposed addition, however no contact information was included with the application and I could not find a phone number for either the owner or contractor. My primary concern is that the 14’ X 35’ addition will be located just approximately 2’ off the septic system retaining wall. This wall is required to control breakout of the existing septic system. My concern is that this boulder wall may be damaged during construction or damaged/removed after construction to allow a wider, useable passage to the back area.

Recommendation: I recommend that this application be tabled until the next meeting, or I be allowed to endorse it prior to the meeting if I am satisfied with the proposal to assure continued integrity of the retaining wall.

F. Well Water Supply Certificates

None

G. Meetings Attended (for information only)

I attended our monthly Ed & Care Delivery meeting. We’re pretty much done with this seasons flu clinics and are having a discussion on advertising for next season. We also discussed potential public outreach education topics (Bed bugs MERSA, Tics & Lyme disease, Poverty).

I attended a day long Psychological First Aid training Boston Medical Center and BU. This was an excellent training for volunteers who help out in a disaster situation.

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H. Complaints

(1) 165 Main St., Martin, Map 38, Lot 6*

We received a complaint from the tenant of this property pertaining to lack of adequate heat in his unit. I scheduled an appointment for an inspection, but he cancelled and said he will call back if he wants to proceed.

Recommendation: none. Informational only.

I. Hazards Abated Via Enforcement Orders

None.

J. Other Issues

(1) 2013 Annual Report *

I have drafted the department annual report for the Board's review/comments/changes prior to submittal to the BOS.

Recommendation: Discussion.

(2) Personal Leave Request *

I am requesting vacation time for February 13 & 14, for a total of 12 hours.

Recommendation: Approval of request.

(3) Clearwater Industries Waiver Request *

A Representative of Clearwater Industries attended our last meeting to request a waiver from our local pump regulations to allow Orenco Prostap pumps to be used in town. Action on this request was tabled. Our local regs require the following -

- Pump can pass 3/4" solids (minimum) - 231(7), EDS 1100.2
- Pump has integrated overload protection and 10 starts/hr. – EDS 1100.2
- System has lifting chain, sch. 80 float mast, & removable valves – EDS 1100.1-3
- Best design practices used incl. pump/pipe/cable strain relief – EDS 1100.2-3

These pumps are approved by MA DEP for general use, with specific conditions. I have no objection to allowing use of the Orenco pump in town, with the requirement that they comply with all MA DEP requirements in effect at the time of installation.

Recommendation: Discussion.