

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of January 24, 2019
Report covers from 01/10-01/24/19
Items requiring Board vote are noted with an asterisk ()*

A. Inspection Report Reviews

None.

B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations

(1) 12 Wood Drive, Camp, Map 154, Lot 9

I witnessed soil testing at this property for a proposed building lot.

C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews

None.

D. Septic System Installations/Abandonments (informational only)

(1) 7 Gregory Island Lane, DiFluri, Map 105, Lot 55

I inspected the completion of the leaching area at this property.

(2) 24 Cogswell Road, Map 110, Lot 21

I inspected the installation of the tight tank at this property.

E. Well Water Supply

None.

F. Complaints

(1) 139 Eastern Avenue, Runsala, Map 137, Lot 16

I conducted an inspection of the basement apartment at this property on January 8, 2019, and found numerous violations of the housing code (105 CMR 410), including lack of appropriate kitchen facilities, lack of appropriate bathroom facilities, no heating oil, no functioning smoke or carbon monoxide detectors, insufficient natural available light, insufficient ceiling height, and areas of trash and debris strewn about the yard and basement common areas. Discussions with the occupant, the mortgage lender, and the unofficial executor of the estate indicated that the owner of this property died approximately 2 years ago and there is no official responsible party to correct these violations. The occupant of the basement apartment has since found alternate housing with the assistance of the Veteran's Agent and the Ipswich Housing Authority.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a notice to all interested parties, including the occupant, the executor, and the lender, that this property has been declared unfit for human habitation and is condemned.