

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of January 25, 2018
Report covers from 01/11/18 – 01/24/18
Items requiring Board vote are noted with an asterisk ()*

A. Inspection Report Reviews

None.

B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations – information only

None.

C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews

None.

D. Septic System Installations/Abandonments (informational only)

(1) 26 Choate Street, Savory, Map 105, Lot 4

I completed the final inspection of the septic system serving this property.

E. Well Water Supply

None.

F. Building Permit Requests

None.

G. Concerns/Updates

(1) 66 Main Street, Essex Shipbuilding Museum, Map 128, Lot 152*

I have visited the property several times since my initial inspection on November 6, 2017. These visits have been conducted both early in the morning, and in the early evening, as well as occasionally throughout the day. While I have not gained entry or attempted to enter the structure, it does not appear that the accessory building mentioned in the letter dated November 6, 2017, is currently being occupied as housing.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health vote to dismiss this housing issue, as it appears to have resolved itself. It should be noted that any accessory building on this property is not suited for or implied to be housing.

(2) Rat population increase

The BoH office has received several calls recently regarding an increase in rats in the area. Outreach to other local health agents revealed that there are similar complaints throughout the North Shore. Reasons for the increase in rats include mild winters and construction in the area. Property owners have been given information on how to deal with this issue, including removing food sources such as bird feeders, compost piles, and household trash; and ensuring all access points into enclosed structure like houses and accessory buildings are sealed off.

Recommendation: None – informational only.