

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of June 8, 2017

Report covers from 05/11 – 06/07/17

Items requiring Board vote are noted with an asterisk ()*

A. Inspection Report Reviews

(1) 138 Eastern Avenue, Savage, 137, Lot 10*

I have reviewed the Title 5 report for the inspection conducted at this property on May 10, 2017 by John Duncan. I am in agreement with the inspector's determination that this system passes the official Title 5 inspection.

Recommendation: I recommend a letter be sent to the property owner stating the Board of Health is in agreement with the determination of the inspector, John Duncan, that the system passes the official Title 5 inspection conducted on May 10, 2017.

(2) 3 Lufkin Point Road, Fairweather, Map 124, Lot 2*

I have reviewed the Title 5 report for the inspection conducted at this property on May 10, 2017 by John Duncan. I am in agreement with the inspector's determination that this system passes the official Title 5 inspection.

Recommendation: I recommend a letter be sent to the property owner stating the Board of Health is in agreement with the determination of the inspector, John Duncan, that this system passes the Title 5 inspection conducted on May 10, 2017.

(3) 21 Story Street, Ricci, Map 129, Lot 46*

I have reviewed the Title 5 report for the inspection conducted at this property on May 10, 2017 by John Duncan. I am in agreement with the inspector's determination that this system passes the official Title 5 inspection.

Recommendation: I recommend a letter be sent to the property owner stating the Board of Health is in agreement with the determination of the inspector, John Duncan, that this system passes the Title 5 inspection conducted on May 10, 2017.

(4) 57 Eastern Ave, Walker Creek Realty Trust, Map 136, Lot 41*

I have reviewed the Title 5 report for the inspection conducted at this property on May 8, 2017 by Rick Clarke. I am in agreement with the inspector's determination that this system passes the official Title 5 inspection.

Recommendation: I recommend a letter be sent to the property owner stating the Board of Health is in agreement with the determination of the inspector, Rick Clarke, that this system passes the Title 5 inspection conducted on May 8, 2017.

(5) 39 Spring Street, Durey, Map 121, Lot 3*

I have reviewed the Title 5 report for the inspection conducted at this property on May 12, 2017 by George Norris. I am in agreement with the inspector's determination that this system passes the official Title 5 inspection.

Recommendation: I recommend a letter be sent to the property owner stating the Board of Health is in agreement with the determination of the inspector, George Norris, that this system passes the Title 5 inspection conducted on May 12, 2017.

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B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations – information only

(1) 38 Pond Street, Comet, Map 146, Lot 6

I witnessed soil testing as the first stop in replacing a (likely) failed septic system. The owner has signed a voluntary upgrade form acknowledging the system fails and that upgrade/replacement is due no later than 5/17/19.

C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews

None.

D. Septic System Installations/Abandonments (informational only)

(1) 44 Robbins Island Road, Winfrey, Map 108, Lot 12

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

(2) 42 Robbins Island Road, Riggs, Map 108, Lot 11

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

(3) 35 Rocky Hill Road, Glass, Map 153, Lot 6

I inspected the installation of the building sewer connecting an accessory building to the main septic system serving this property.

(4) 6 Robbins Island Road, Collins, Map 108, Lot 3

I inspected the septic tank repair at this property.

(5) 138 Eastern Ave, Savage, Map 197, Lot 10

I inspected the distribution box replacement at this property.

(6) 21 Story Street, Ricci, Map 129, Lot 46

I inspected the distribution box replacement at this property.

E. Well Water Supply

None.

F. Building Permit Requests

(1) 59 Choate Street, Harb, Map 105, Lot 9

I signed the building permit application to finish the basement at this property. Work includes installation of sheetrock to enclose the mechanical room, as well as completion of the basement bathroom. There will be no increase in the number of bedrooms.

(2) 33 Cogswell Road, Lewis, Map 110, Lot 17

I signed the building permit application to convert the deck to a screened in porch, and to remove a wall to enlarge one of the bedrooms. The changes will not impact the septic system flow or component setback requirements.

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(3) 62 Choate Street, Bourgette, Map 115, Lot 19

I signed the building permit application to renovate the existing mudroom, bathroom, and kitchen. The changes will not impact the septic system flow or component setback requirements.

G. Complaints/Concerns

(1) 139 Gregory Island Road, Wendell, Map 155, Lot 43

I have received a complaint from the owner of 10 Gregory Island Road (Griffin, Map 155, Lot 45) who expressed concerns that the proposed septic system at the subject property will affect the septic system on her property due to the presence of ledge as well as standard drainage issues.

(2) 233 John Wise Ave, Ginn, Map 103, Lot 4

Mr. Ginn requested that a soil evaluator perform a deep hole observation test in conjunction with an unofficial Title 5 inspection to determine if the system serving this commercial property is in failure. I conducted a site visit with Rick Clarke, engineer, and determined that the distribution box for this system is approximately 36" below grade; an observation hole dug adjacent to the d-box revealed groundwater at approximately 20" below grade, confirming that the SAS is in the water table. Therefore this system fails. A perc test/soil evaluation has been scheduled for Friday, June 9.

H. Other Business/Meetings Attended

(1) Board of Health Support Letter*

We have been asked to submit a letter to the House of Representatives in support of House Bill 2864, an act concerning youth access to tobacco. This letter requests that legislators consider the following: to raise the minimum age of purchase to 21; to ban the use of electronic cigarettes in all locations that "traditional" cigarettes are banned; and to prohibit the sales of tobacco by healthcare institutions (such as pharmacies). These changes to the tobacco regulations are included in the Town of Essex regulations that were approved in April 2016.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health sign the letter in support of HB 2864.