

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of March 14, 2014
Report covers from February 14 to March 13, 2014
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A. Inspection Report Reviews

(1) 72 Island Rd., Leavitt, Map 23, Lot 16*

I reviewed the submitted Title 5 inspection report for this property and am in agreement with the determination of the inspector that the system passed the 2-24-14 Title 5 inspection.

Recommendation: I recommend that a letter be sent to the property owner stating that the Board is in agreement with the determination of the inspector, George Norris, that this system passed the Feb. 24, 2014 Title 5 inspection.

B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations

None

C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews

(1) 20 Cogswell Ct., Tirrell, Map 19, Lot 54

I reviewed the as built septic plan for this property. It needed some additional information, which I received and approved. I am waiting for the signature of the installer to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

(2) 22 Cogswell Ct., Osborne, Map 19, Lot 14

I reviewed the as built septic plan for this property. I am waiting for the signature of the installer to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

(3) 100 Conomo Point Rd., Given, Map 19, Lot 57

I reviewed the as built septic plan for this property. It need some additional information and the signature of the installer to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

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4 Robbins Island Rd., Darrow, Map 19, Lot 59

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Recommendation: None. Informational only.

D. Septic System Installations

None

E. Building Permit Applications & Occupancy Permits

None

F. Well Water Supply Certificates

(1) 21 Lufkin Point Rd., Schwartz/Pepe

In reviewing the file for this property, I see no sign off on the new well & no decision on the owners request to use the original well for irrigation. I remember the issue being brought to the Board a while ago with no action taken at the time. Since this topic didn't make the agenda and posting in time, I recommend it be brought back up for action at our next meeting.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

G. Meetings Attended (for information only)

Annual DEP/MHOA Seminar

Ed & Care Delivery

Cape Ann Emergency Planning Team

H. Complaints

None

I. Hazards Abated Via Enforcement Orders

None

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J. Other Issues

(1) Municipal Guidance for Medical Marijuana

I have copied DPH's guidance for municipalities on Medical Marijuana, for your review and reference.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

(2) Garden Remedies *

Attorney Kallman, representing Garden Remedies, the medical marijuana cultivation company, came into the office to introduce himself and discuss some aspects of the project. He later phoned to ask if the Board would be interested in meeting with his clients to discuss the project with the Board.

Recommendation: discussion & Board decision whether to invite them to a future Board meeting.

(3) 1 Pine St., Davidson, Map 5, Lot 1

Mr. Brooks, a neighbor of this property, has been helping the owner work toward re-installing a bathroom in the garage on the property. The Board agreed to this, but is requiring a 4 bedroom deed restriction for the property. The deed restriction has been drawn up. The attorney was requesting the restriction be signed as "approved and accepted by" the "local Approving Authority". This is an unusual request, as we have never been asked to do this. I spoke regarding the issue. He suggested I ask the applicant to request it be recorded w/o the signature, which I did, stating the Town Administrator's suggestion, uniqueness of the request, & necessary approval for permission to have Town Council review the document along with the associated cost. Mr. Brooks stated he would follow up with the attorney. At this time, I have heard nothing further.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

(4) Triathlon Update

I sent a letter to the BOS requesting funding to pay for our Police Detail & portable toilet rentals. This funding would come from the special events account set up for community events. The BOS will review this request at their next meeting, scheduled for March 17. I also received a new contract from active.com, but it needs a correction on it. I have notified them and as soon as I receive the corrected version I will send it on the BOS for their signature.

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K. Tracking of Housing, Food Service, and Other Miscellaneous Board Issues

(1) 234 John Wise Ave., Kastle Creek, Map X, Lot X

Mr. Cutter, owner of this property, came in with a request for me to sign off a document for DEP to de classify the existing well as a public water supply. Prior to opening, the new restaurant connected to the Ipswich public water supply for all potable uses, but opted to keep the well to service toilets and for outside use. Shortly thereafter, they decided to use only the Ipswich public water supply. In order to have the well de classified, the physical disconnection of the well water supply must be confirmed and signed off. I contacted the Ipswich Water Dept. They had inspected and were satisfied. I then met Mr. Cutter and personally confirmed the physical break (pipes cut & capped) of the well water supply. I then signed the DEP document confirming this.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

(1) Farmer's Markets *

We had our first Farmer's Market last year, with only 1 vendor. We issued a coordinator's permit for it. I expect the market to return this year, likely with a number of additional vendors. Before we get to that point, I'd like to have the Board determine a policy and fee schedule to process the permit(s). The bit of research I've done indicates a broad range of methods between communities.

Recommendation: My recommendation is to issue a Coordinator Permit with a sliding fee, depending on the number of vendors (fees TBD and approved). I think it seems fair that large markets will pay more than small ones (& we can hopefully cover most of our inspection costs), yet I hope it will be less complicated than permitting each vendor individually. Any vendor added to the Market after issuance of the Coordinator's Permit could be charged an additional fee, in order to dissuade the Market from randomly adding vendors and also cover the cost of the additional inspection(s).