

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of March 23, 2017
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A. Inspection Report Reviews

(1) 234 John Wise Avenue, 234 John Wise Ave LLC, Map 105, Lot 19*

I have reviewed the report for the Title 5 inspection conducted at this property (the Boathouse Grille). The inspection was conducted on February 20, 2017 by Jonathan Granz, and the report has noted that the system is in good working condition. The report has also noted that septic tanks #1 and #3, as well as the grease trap, need to be pumped. In addition, there is a significant amount of brush, vines, and trees in the area of the SAS that should be cleared to ensure proper function without the risk of root infiltration.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating that we are in agreement with the determination of the inspector, Jonathan Granz, that the system passes the Title 5 inspection conducted on February 20, 2017. The letter should also state that septic tanks #1 and #3, as well as the grease trap, should be pumped; and that the area of the SAS should be cleared of all brush, vines, and trees. In addition, the letter should also state that the septic system serving this property shall be inspected no later than May 20, 2017, as per the enforcement letter dated February 14, 2013.

B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations – information only

(1) 176 John Wise Ave, Lane, Map 106, Lot 9

I witnessed soil testing at this property as the first step in replacing a failed septic system. In addition, the property owner is proposing to construct an addition to the dwelling, including one more bedroom than the original system would allow, which requires that the repaired system meeting new construction standards.

C. Septic System Design Plan Review

None.

D. Septic System Installations/Abandonments (informational only)

(1) 5 Hardys Lane, Sanford, Map 101, Lot 19

The property owner called requesting an extension of the deadline issued for a repair of the electrical box inside the pump chamber. The property owner stated no one was living in the house and the septic system is not being used at this time. He requested an extension of 30 days from the original deadline of March 15, 2017. I acknowledged that there is minimal risk to the environment due to the lack of effluent flow from the house, and informed him that the repair needed to be completed no later than April 15, 2016.

E. Well Water Supply

None.

F. Building Permit Requests

None.

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G. Complaints

(1) 15 Burnham Court, Lovely, Map 128, Lot 144*

I received a complaint regarding the condition of both the interior and exterior of this property. I did an exterior inspection in the presence of Amy Reilly, Animal Control Officer, and noted a significant amount of debris, trash, and refuse material in the yard, on the porch, and stacked along the walkway up to the front door. There is also significant clutter inside the home, as seen via a first floor window. The property owner is elderly and lives alone, and his well-being is a concern.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner notifying him that an inspection needs to be conducted to determine what housing code violations exist and whether this matter should be referred to an outside agency.

(1) 32 Main Street, W.E. Realty Trust, Map 128, Lot 134

I have received a complaint that the 3rd floor apartment at this location does not have a second means of egress. The complaint was from an individual no longer living in the apartment; however, I explained how the housing code addresses means of egress (105 CMR 410.450 states "Every dwelling unit, and rooming unit shall have as many means of exit as will allow for the safe passage of all people in accordance with 780 CMR 104.0, 105.1, and 805.0 of the Massachusetts State Building Code") and there is no enforceable Board of Health Regulation that declares there shall be a specific number of egresses. I then explained that this complaint would be better addressed by either the Building Inspector or the Fire Chief, and that I would share this information with both individuals.

Recommendation: None – informational only

(2) The Farm Bar and Grille, 233 Western Avenue

I received anonymous complaint that the kitchen facilities at this restaurant are "filthy" and that the kitchen staff often leave the walk-in cooler door propped open, both for ease of passage and to help keep things cooler in the kitchen prep area itself. I conducted an unannounced inspection and found the condition of the kitchen as described – dirty, with unlabeled/undated containers in the refrigerator, the cook using bare hands to handle ready-to-eat foods, etc. I contacted the owner, Bradley Atkinson, and spoke with him about the conditions I found. He informed me that Tuesdays are his head chef's regular day off and that he would be at The Farm shortly to get things in order. I also spoke with Ms. Cody, food inspector, to share with her the conditions I found. She stated she would conduct a full inspection within the next day or 2.

Recommendation: None – informational only.

(3) Blue Marlin Grille, 65 Eastern Avenue

I contacted the owner, Corey Matthews, about the grease trap pumping at this establishment; the following day I received a memo from Stewarts Septic stating that they were contracted to pump the grease trap at that location on a quarterly basis. I contacted Stewarts Septic and informed them that this establishment was ordered to perform grease trap pumping on a monthly, rather than quarterly, basis due to the high level of grease that has been reported on the pump slips. She stated she would reach out to the owner and revise the details of their contract to be in compliance with the Board of Health order dated September 29, 2016.

Recommendation: None – informational only.

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(H) Other Business

(1) Cape Ann SUP Kids' Camp

I received notification that this organization was offering a Kids SUP camp this summer, and had been doing so for the past 6 years. There is no record that the organization went through the recreational camp application process or had a BoH inspection for the SUP camp. I contacted the owner via email and shared a list of the required forms/processes that must be completed before operating. We scheduled a meeting to discuss these requirements in more detail.

Recommendation: None – informational only.

(2) PHEP meeting, Region 3D

I attended this regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness meeting, held in Peabody on March 22, 2017. During this meeting, all communities in Region 3D unanimously voted for concurrence – to continue participation in this coalition. Participation requirements include conducting local and regional drills and planning coalition-wide projects. In turn, communities receive funding for emergency preparedness supplies and equipment as well as programmatic assistance during an emergency.

Recommendation: None – informational only.