

**Administrator's Report**  
**Board of Health Meeting of November 19, 2015**  
*Report covers from 10-22 to 11-18, 2015*  
*Items requiring Board vote are noted with an asterisk (\*)*

**A. Inspection Report Reviews**

(1) 1 Shea Court, Pellegrini, Map 145, Lot 33\*

I have reviewed the Title 5 inspection report for this property and am in agreement with the inspector, George Norris, that the system *passes* the inspection conducted on October 27, 2015.

*Recommendation: I recommend that the Board send a letter to the property owner stating that we are in agreement with the determination of the inspector and that this system passes the inspection conducted on October 27, 2015 by George Norris.*

(2) 2 Sumac Road, Gammons, Map 10, Lot 3\*

I have reviewed the Title 5 inspection report for this property and am in agreement with the inspector, Josh Roberts, that the system *conditionally passes* the inspection conducted on November 2, 2015. This report states that the system will pass inspection pending replacement of a leaking distribution box.

*Recommendation: I recommend that the Board send a letter to the property owner stating that we are in agreement with the determination of the inspector and that a distribution box replacement is required for this system to be considered passing. The distribution box must be replaced no later than November 2, 2017.*

(3) 7 Rocky Hill Road, Digennaro, Map 53, Lot 11\*

I have reviewed the Title 5 inspection report for this property and am in agreement with the inspector, Rick Clarke, that the system *passes* the inspection conducted on October 16, 2015.

*Recommendation: I recommend that the Board send a letter to the property owner stating that we are in agreement with the determination of the inspector and that this system passes the inspection conducted on October 16, 2015 by Rick Clarke.*

**B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations**

(1) 69R Wood Drive, Spears, Map 157, Lot 19

I witnessed soil testing as the first step in replacing a failed septic system for this property.

(2) 17 Apple Street, Messersmith, Map 142, Lot 19

I witnessed soil testing as the first step of a voluntary upgrade of the septic system serving this property.

**C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews**

(1) 0 Riverview Hill Road, Denyse, Map 41, Lot 14\*

A septic system was approved for this site on June 11, 2015. The proposed project, designed by Steve Sawyer, included a 4-bedroom residence and a 1-bedroom inlaw apartment (5 bedrooms/550 gallons per day total). The septic system design has been

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revised to serve only a 4-bedroom, single-family residence. I reviewed this design and noted it meets all local and state requirements.

*Recommendation: I recommend that a letter be sent to the property owner stating that the Board of Health **approves the septic design dated June 1, 2015, with revisions dated November 2, 2015.***

**D. Septic System Installations/Abandonments**

(1) 25 Belcher Street, Osborne, Map 129, Lot 29

I inspected the distribution box replacement (completed by George Norris) at this property. We are still waiting for the property owner to file a notice on the deed restricting the number of bedrooms. The deadline for this was October 24, 2015.

*Recommendation: None – informational only*

(2) 125R Rocky Hill Road, Miller, Map 52, Lot 3

I completed the final inspection of this septic system, designed by Dan Johnson and installed by Peter Macaro.

*Recommendation: None – informational only*

(3) 230 Western Avenue, Coughlin, Map 144, Lot 17

I witnessed the decommissioning of the septic tank at this property. The house was demolished and there is no plan to rebuild at this time.

*Recommendation: None – informational only*

(4) 79 Wood Drive, Miller, Map 157, Lot 11

I completed the final inspection of this septic system, designed by Jesse Blanchett of Griffin Engineering and installed by Paul Johnson.

*Recommendation: None – informational only*

**E. Building Permit Applications & Occupancy Permits**

(1) 9 Lufkin Point Road, Collinson, Map 9, Lot 30

I reviewed the building permit application for this property and have noted that the proposed project does not impact the septic system components or setback requirements.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health allow sign-off on this project.*

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**F. Well Water Supply Certificates**

None.

**G. Meetings Attended (for information only)**

- (1) MHOA Fall Conference (Hyannis, October 21-22) – The sessions covered a broad range of topics, including wetlands and septic systems, emergency shelters, regulatory issues with food donations, and isolation/quarantine.
- (2) North Shore Emergency Preparedness Coalition (Peabody, October 28) – Review of WebEOC, update on the Peabody drive-through flu clinic/dispensing site drill, discussion of community concerns including opioids, ebola, fluoridation, and mosquito control.
- (3) CAEPT monthly meeting (Gloucester, November 5) – Review of Cape Ann Sheltering tabletop exercise, including areas of improvement
- (4) Mass in Motion (Gloucester, November 10) – Discussion of new grants available, “Safe Routes to School” program (i.e. walkability), regional trail systems, and farmers market ordinance proposed for Gloucester.
- (5) Leadership Kickoff Meeting for SAPC grant (Gloucester, November 17) – This was the official announcement of the grant awarded to Essex, Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, and Beverly focusing on youth substance abuse prevention.
- (6) PHEP meeting (Peabody, November 18) – Update on grant deliverables (call-down drill will be completed near the end of the month), flu clinics and MRC volunteer availability, and avian flu concerns.

**H. Complaints**

- (1) Hawaiian Shave Ice (Steve & Barbara Christopher, proprietor)\*

This vendor was permitted to sell his product at the ClamFest. Shortly before the event, the Christophers requested to change their product from shave ice to “comfort foods” such as macaroni and cheese. This requested was denied based on lack of an approved kitchen at the time of the application; however, there was still a valid permit in place at the time of the event for the original product, Hawaiian Shave Ice. The Christophers have requested a refund of \$75.

*Recommendation: Discussion on whether to issue a refund of the permitting fee of \$75.*

- (2) 16A Southern Avenue, Dezarn, Map 136, Lot 92-16A

I conducted a followup inspection of this unit to verify compliance with the enforcement letter that was sent out on October 5, 2015. During this inspection, conducted on November 5, 2015, I found all violations within the unit to be largely corrected. I sent a letter of compliance to the property owner with the acknowledgement that compliance on November

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5<sup>th</sup> does not preclude the occupant from requesting an inspection for new violations in the future.

*Recommendation: None – informational only.*

**I. Hazards Abated Via Enforcement Orders**

None

**J. Other Updates/Requests**

(1)Periwinkles Restaurant (Tom Guertner, owner)\*

Mr. Guetner has requested a variance from the requirement of *temperature* as a public health control. He has submitted a HACCP plan for the preparation of sushi rice, using pH a means to prevent the growth of bacteria; as a result, only *time* will be used as a public health control.

Mr. Guertner has had his chef prepare rice using the method specified in his HACCP plan. The rice was tested at Biomarine and the pH was below the critical limit of 4.6. His preparation was supervised by Bobbi and found to be satisfactory.

*Recommendation: I recommend that the Board vote to approve the request to use time as a public health control in the preparation of sushi rice at Periwinkles Restaurant.*

(2)The SAPC (Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative) grant that has been awarded to Gloucester (with Essex being invited to participate) is well under way. Essex has been chosen as the pilot community to offer a class to alcohol retailers on Training for Intervention Procedures ("TIPS") as the first step in preventing substance use/abuse by underage consumers. The TIPS training will be held on December 8 from 9am-2pm at the Essex Senior Center, and all retailers in Essex have been invited.