

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of October 10, 2013

Report covers from Sept 26 to Oct 10, 2013

(on vacation 10- 26 through 10- 7)

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

A. Inspection Report Reviews

None

B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations

None

C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews

(1) 6 Robbins Island Rd., Collins, Map 19, Lot 59*

I reviewed the revised tight tank plan for this property. The required changes have been made. The only omission is that the soil evaluator didn't sign the LUA request form. The applicant is requesting a LUA for a reduction of 12 inch separation between inlet and outlet tees and high groundwater.

*Recommendation: I recommend that the Board grant this LUA request and approve the plan, **designed 9-10-13, with a revision date of 9-23-13** with the requirement that the soil evaluator add his signature to the LUA request form where needed.*

(2) 125R Rocky Hill Rd., Cataldo, Map 6, Lot 36*

Due to time constraints, I performed a partial review of the submitted septic plan for this property and noted the following required corrections –

- The location of the driveway is not noted
- The system design calculations are incorrect
- An area of the cover over the proposed s.a.s. shows a slope of almost 2:1
- The plan is missing the designer's certification statement
- The proposed reserve area is only 10' from the proposed addition.

Recommendation: I recommend disapproval of this plan, dated 9-5-13 for the above reasons, with the notation that these are minimal required corrections. I also recommend that this letter and the eventual approval letter note to the homeowner that a water quality and volume test of the well will have to be taken and approved before a construction permit for the addition will be approved by the Board.

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D. Septic System Installations

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E. Building Permit Applications & Occupancy Permits

(1) 2 Evans Way, MacDonald, Map 36, Lot 79B*

I reviewed the building permit application for this property to “build a 3-season porch in area of existing side deck. 12 X 12 with 3 10” footings 4’ deep or 10 X 10 with 3 10” footings 4’ deep.” This property has public sewer available, but is not connected. The 3 season porch will not add design flow to the septic system and, although in the area of the septic tank and leach field, should not interfere with the component locations.

*Recommendation: I recommend endorsement of this application, **dated 9-24- 13**, with the notation that all septic components should be staked off to prevent damage during the construction process. The applicant should know that if the system is damaged, a connection to the public sewer is required.*

(2) 33 Story St., Doane, Map 35, Lot 10*

I reviewed the building permit application for this property for “adding a 12’ X 17’ 6” kitchen extension on side of house”. The existing septic system is in the rear of the house, so this location won’t interfere with the components and the proposed entry and laundry room doesn’t add design flow to the system.

*Recommendation: I recommend endorsement of this application, **dated 4-3-13**.*

(3) 95 Apple St., Corcoran, Map 10, Lot 3B*

I reviewed this application, to “remove Shed- approved by Conservation Commission”. This is a pump house and water storage reservoir, consisting of pumps, stone walls and a wooden cover. I emailed Mr. Corcoran our demo regulations to review and address relevant issues. I expect only 1 or 2 will pertain to this project (turning off electricity and potentially rodents or {doubtfully} asbestos).

*Recommendation: I recommend endorsement of this demolition application, **dated 9-18-13**, upon proof that the power has been turned off and other requirements in our regulations either don’t apply or have been addressed. If this isn’t received by*

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our meeting, I request permission to sign off on the application upon receipt of the required information.

(4) 37 Grove St., Harding, Map 10, Lot 61 *

I reviewed the building permit application submitted for this property to “add ½ bath to barn.” The plans submitted are an expansion of the plans approved on June 27th by the BOH for the barn construction. The original approved plans were for an open barn. This plan for the addition of a ½ bath also notes a 15’8” X 12’ 2” office. The submitted application includes a plan for the sewer connection from the proposed bathroom to the existing septic tank serving the house.

Recommendation: Per DEP, “any activity for which a DSCP (disposal works construction permit) is required, cannot happen if connection to a sanitary sewer is feasible”. For this reason, I recommend disapproval of this application, unless a connection is made to the public sewer.

(5) 84 Apple St., Crerand/Hay, Map 10, Lot 2B *

I reviewed this application for a single story addition to “library” +/- 15’4” X 8’ 0” footprint no plumbing. The proposal is for an enlargement to an existing room. There will be no additional rooms created.

Recommendation: I recommend endorsement of this application, dated 9-25-13

F. Well Water Supply Certificates

None

G. Meetings Attended (for information only)

No meetings attended since last report.

H. Complaints

None

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I. Hazards Abated Via Enforcement Orders

(1) Agreement to Upgrade Septic System, 41 Robbins Island Rd, King, Map 19, Lot 76 *

This property had a Title 5 inspection dated 8-8-12, with a “needs further evaluation by the local approving authority” determination. We sent a letter this past June stating that due to the existing metal septic tank and required well water testing that wasn't completed, the Board determined that he was not in compliance with the requirement to have a Title 5 inspection completed. The Kings have submitted an “Agreement to Upgrade a Septic System”.

Recommendation: I recommend that the Board accept this agreement and notify the Kings that they are now in compliance with the June 21, 2012 order to inspect their system or submit a voluntary agreement to upgrade.

J. Other Issues

(1) Special Town Meeting Articles to Note *

A Special Town Meeting has been scheduled in November. The BOS are re submitting the article to join the Mosquito Control District. The Planning Board is submitting an article to require a special permit for the use of a “Medical Marijuana Treatment Center/Registered Marijuana Dispensary” in town. They are requesting comments no later than Nov. 4

Recommendation: Discussion.

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

(1) Ma's Brands Food Service Permit *

Ma's Brands submitted an application to produce tomato marmalade for sale at farmer's markets and direct sale events. I am concerned because of the canning process and associated risks. After some phone tag with DPH, I finally got the following information-

Jams and Jellies ONLY-

- Can be made from home.
- Direct sales only are allowed with a local permit. Internet or wholesale sales aren't allowed without DPH approval.

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Marmalades, Chutney, Salsas and any product with added vinegar-

- Cannot be sold unless they use a “scheduled process”. The applicant must work with a qualified lab (Cornell U. and University of Orono, ME were two potential labs mentioned) to determine this process.
- Scheduled Process paperwork must be filed with the FDA.
- A sample of every batch must be sent to this lab for pH testing (must be <4.6) and approved before the batch is released for sale.
- In house pH monitoring must be done and records kept.
- Must be made in a licensed facility.

All-

- Must have lot number and date on label

Recommendation: Disapproval of this permit application until all requirements are satisfied.

(2) Apple Street Farm, TFE*

I reviewed the TFE permit application from Apple Street Farm for their Essex Harvest Feast. No food menu is given.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board sign the application, but it not be issued until a menu is given, reviewed and approved.