

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of October 22, 2015
Report covers from 10-8 to 10-21, 2015
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) 52 Belcher Street, Lorax Properties, Map 119, Lot 2*

I have reviewed the septic design for this property, designed by John Judd and dated 10/1/2015 and found the design to be lacking buoyancy calculations for the septic tank.

*Recommendation: I recommend that a letter be sent to the property owner stating that the Board of Health **disapproves the septic design dated 10/1/2015 due to missing buoyancy calculations.***

(2) 52 Belcher Street, Lorax Properties, Map 119, Lot 2*

I have reviewed the revised plan for this property and noted the designer, John Judd, has made the requested change. Therefore the plan is in compliance with both local and state regulations.

*Recommendation: I recommend that a letter be sent to the property owner stating that the Board **approves the septic design with required revisions.***

D. Septic System Installations/Abandonments

(1) 211 Western Avenue, Gitto, Map 144, Lot 54

I inspected the abandonment of the septic tank at this property in anticipation of connection to municipal sewer.

Recommendation: None – informational only

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

I inspected the septic tank installation and bottom of leachfield at this property.

Recommendation: None – informational only

E. Building Permit Applications & Occupancy Permits

None.

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F. Well Water Supply Certificates

None.

G. Meetings Attended (for information only)

None.

H. Complaints

(1) 23-25 Southern Avenue, Blackwood, Map 136, Lot 109

I received a complaint from the occupant of 25 Southern Avenue. The complaint was regarding a noxious odor that was present in the home, possibly as a result of new insulation that was installed over the summer. I conducted an inspection at this property and noted a slight smell; there were other minor housing code violations noted as well.

I spoke with Michael Feeney of the Indoor Air Quality Program at DPH, both about the presence of the odor and the fact that there is no section of the housing code that addresses a smell. We discussed the option of deeming the property uninhabitable as a last resort; however, the occupant does not feel that the property is uninhabitable – just that the smell is noticeable and unpleasant. No further action will be taken at this time.

Recommendation: None – informational only.

I. Hazards Abated Via Enforcement Orders

None

J. Other Updates

- (1) We had approximately 45 seniors at our flu clinic held on 10/15/15. The clinic that is traditionally held at the school was moved to Woodman's due to scheduling difficulties; we vaccinated approximately
- (2) A vendor (Hawaiian Shave Ice) that was permitted for the Clam Fest requested a change in permit from shave ice to potentially hazardous (hot) foods. I reviewed the revised application and spoke with the food inspector for Westford (where the base of operation is located). The kitchen is not yet permitted for PHF and will not be inspected until 10/22. As this is not sufficient time for the revised

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application (with all required information) to be reviewed and processed, the requested menu change was denied.

- (3) 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 asked to be the pilot community for retail beverage service and compliance check training (for restaurants that serve alcohol, and retail stores that sell). If the proposal is approved by the State, this training will be offered at no charge to business owners and providers in Essex. Reminder: the Executive Overview meeting will be held on 11/17 from 2:30-4:30 in Gloucester.