

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of September 12, 2013
Report covers from August 22 to September 11, 2013
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A. Inspection Report Reviews

None

B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations

(1) Lot 2, Warren Way, Hodges, Map 10

I witnessed soil testing on this property for new construction.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews

(1) LUA Request – 20 Cogswell Rd., Tirrell, Map 19, Lot 54*

The tight tank plan for this property was approved 5-30-13. In preparation for the installation, the installer discovered bedrock in the proposed tight tank location. The applicant would like to relocate the tank 5' off the foundation (rather than the 10' proposed), where there is acceptable soil depth, rather than pay the expense of blasting and risk damage to her house and those surrounding it.

This change requires a LUA (local upgrade approval), for which the applicant has submitted a request.

Recommendation: I feel this is a reasonable request and recommend approving the LUA request.

D. Septic System Installations

(1) 41R (aka 43) John Wise Ave., Konevich, Map 18, Lot 5

I performed final field, alarm, d-box and final cover inspections on this property.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

(2) 77 Choate St., Great Woods Development, Map 6, Lot 9G

I performed a bed bottom inspection on this property.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

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E. Building Permit Applications & Occupancy Permits

(1) 45 Grove Street, Taylor, Map 34, Lot 59*

I reviewed the building permit application submitted for this property to “install one piece, in-ground. Fiberglass shell”. This property is on public sewer, so I have no issues with the pool installation.

*Recommendation: Endorsement of this **undated** application.*

(3) 2 Evans Way, MacDonald, Map 36, Lot 79B*

Mr. MacDonald discussed submitting a building permit application for a 3 season porch. I expected him to bring in the plans and application prior to the meeting, so it was placed on the agenda. The plans and application weren't submitted prior to the meeting.

Recommendation: No action.

F. Well Water Supply Certificates

None

G. Meetings Attended (for information only)

(1) MERCK

Christine & I met with Christa Cormier from MERCK. She explained third party billing to us and set us up on a website that can tell us if a person's coverage will cover vaccines. Christa has also volunteered to attend our Shingles/Zostervax clinic on the 19th to help us with it.

(2) CAEPT

I attended our bi-monthly CAEPT meeting. This was the first meeting after the summer break. We reviewed Ipswich joining the team, reorganization of work groups, and updates on the MEMA certification of the group.

H. Complaints

None

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I. Hazards Abated Via Enforcement Orders

None

J. Other Issues

(1) MHOA Annual Conference & Wastewater Certificate Program *

The annual MHOA Conference is being held Oct 23-25 this year. A Wastewater Certificate Program is being offered Oct 22 – 23 at the same location. I would like to attend both, but the cost would be prohibitive (\$1000) between the hotel stay and registration fees. I would like to still attend the certificate program and the second day of the Conference. The total cost for this would be \$755, including daily lunches, Thursday breakfasts, both registrations, and 3 nights hotel. The WW certificate training starts at 8:30 am on the Cape, so I feel a Monday night stay is necessary to be there on time.

Recommendation: Permission to attend this seminar and training.

(2) Leave Notification *

I will be going to see my daughter for approximately 2 ½ weeks on Sept 25.

Recommendation: Approval of personal leave.

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

(1) Red Barrel Restaurant, Eastern Ave, Wood

The DPW notified me that Ms. Wood has been in contact with them, requesting the water service be turned back on. They have informed her of steps she must take prior to them being able to do so. The restaurant has been closed for over 1 year, and Ms. Wood's food safety certification is expired. When/if she comes to us requesting a food service permit; it is my opinion that this should be considered a new establishment and meet the criteria.

Recommendation: Informational only at this time. I will keep you updated.

(2) 0 Main Street, Essex Green Realty Trust, Map 37, Lot 44

I inspected this property with the developer as requested at the last meeting pertaining to the Demo building permit application submitted at the time. There appears to be no concerns with gas, underground tanks, septic, or electric. I am

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concerned that the old linoleum on the floor may contain asbestos & required that it be tested prior to BP sign off or demolition.

Recommendation: None Informational only.

(3) Zostervax Clinic Update

We have been notified by DPH that they have a supply of vaccine to distribute to BOH's that want any. This vaccine is to be used only for those whose insurance doesn't cover it. I initially requested 20, but increased the request to 30. We still have our 9-19 clinic scheduled, but have added another clinic on Nov. 21. This will allow us to use our purchased vaccine during the first clinic for those with insurance coverage & schedule those w/o coverage to take advantage of the state distributed vaccine.

Recommendation: None Informational only.

(4) Appointment of Burial Agents *

According to MGL, the BOH or its agent is the burial agent of the town. The Town Clerk has acted as Burial Agent in Essex. Our current Town Clerk brought to our attention that she has not been appointed. I do believe the previous Clerk was appointed by the BOH, but I can't find if she was personally appointed, or the position of Town Clerk was appointed.

Recommendation: Appointment of the current Town Clerk, Christina Wright, as well as her assistant, Dorothy Elwell, as burial Agents for the Town.