

LUNENBURG BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2014

The Board of Health met at 7:00 pm at the Ritter Memorial Building

Present: George Emond, Perry Jewell, and Dave Passios.

MINUTES APPROVED:

None

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS ACKNOWLEDGED:

916 Chase Road	236 West Street
439 Townsend Harbor Road	36 Easter Brook Road
143 Highland Street	1459 Mass Avenue
122 Beal Street	5 Watt Road
770 Reservoir Road	953 Reservoir Road
134 Whiting Street	1392 Lancaster Avenue
367 Page Street	

SEPTIC PERMITS SIGNED:

30 Eastern Avenue
83 Sandy Cove Road

Chairman George Emond thanked Jack Rabbitt for all of his efforts on behalf of the Board of Health. Member Perry Jewell said that Mr. Rabbit has always been very dedicated to the duties of the board and was always well prepared for the issues the board addresses.

173 HIGHLAND STREET

Ms. Anne Meilleur filed a complaint with the board of health with regard to odor from cows at 173 Highland Street. Ms. Meilleur called and left a message asking to continue this discussion until our next meeting.

Administrative Assistant Andrea Schnepf invited Brad Mitchell from The Mass Farm Bureau to speak at this meeting regarding this issue. Mr. Mitchell explained the definition of Nuisance Complaint with a further breakdown between a Public Complaint and a Private Complaint. Mr. Mitchell further provided a handout in accordance with MGL Chapter 111 125A.

Odor does come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. Odor must be handled with the guidelines of normal agricultural practices and are the guidelines used in the current regulations. Best management practices go a step beyond.

The Board thanked Mr. Mitchell for his attendance at the meeting and for providing his expertise and information.

47 HIGHLAND STREET

Brad and Peggy Turner, owners of the property, met with the Board to request a dog grooming facility at their residence. They provided current water readings. A new system was installed in 2003 with an allotment of 440 gallons per day (four bedroom system).

The Board has no objections to the dog grooming facility, however, the ability to run this facility stays strictly with the Turners and does not run with the land or to a new or different owner or occupant of the property.

30 EASTERN AVENUE

Doug Smith met with the board on behalf of the owner. This system is in failure. A Presby system is being proposed. A reduction in the required depth to soil is being requested. This lot has very little soil.

After discussion and on Motion by Jewel and second by Passios, the variance was approved. All in favor.

83 SANDY COVE ROAD

Dan Proctor met with the Board on behalf of the owner. This system is in failure. The lot is served by public water. The lot has high ground water and a sloping topography. This is the best system for the lot.

After discussion and on motion by Jewell and second by Passios, the variance was approved. All in favor.

43 HEMLOCK TERRACE

Eric Pettes, owner of the property met with the board. The well at this property ran dry and he would like to drill an artesian well. Agent Jim Garreffo asked for a survey of the property.

Chairman George Emond wants to see a survey of the property prior to approval so that the board can be assured that the well is, in fact, more than 50 feet from the system on the property and any adjoining property. Chairman Emond will consider issuing a conditional permit where the well will be in excess of 50 feet from the septic or adjoining septic and well as the required distance from the property lines. He further conditioned approval of the permit on the well including a 20 foot casing, sealed with benonite and cement.

After discussion and on motion by Passios and second by Jewell, the request was granted with the above conditions. All in favor.

SHADY POINT BEACH AND CAMPGROUND

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the annual request for the use of portable facilities at Shady Point Campground.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm