

LUNENBURG BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2014

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

Members in Attendance:

George Emond
Perry Jewell
David Passios
Paul Fortin

79 West Street Terrace

Bob Proctor met with the Board on behalf of the owner. The septic system for this site would be in failure based on seasonal high water table. The site is flat with high groundwater and the lot is small. New installation requires variances to the number of test holes required within the proposed system and an offset between the bottom of the leach trenches and high groundwater point from 4 feet to 3 feet. After reviewing the plan with the engineer and recommendation by the Board Agent, the variances were approved unanimously.

73 Pine Grove

Chris MacKenzie and Dan Proctor met with the Board on behalf of the owner. System in failure (discharge to the surface of the ground was noted). The site is small, the water table is high and there are wetlands in the back yard. The replacement system plan requires a variance to the offset between the bottom of the system and the high groundwater table from 4 feet to 3 feet in the leaching area and tank outlets. After discussion with the engineer the Board determined that the plan was the best possible solution and approved the requested variance unanimously.

71 Brookview Terrace

Chris MacKenzie met with the Board on behalf of the owner. The septic system for this property is in failure. Though the lot is large, it has significant wetlands and there is no area on the site where a replacement system could be placed that is 100 feet from the wetlands. The soil is good throughout the area (gravel) and there are no other issues. Requested variances were the distance from the leach area to wetlands and reduction of number of test holes required. Variances approved unanimously.

25 Eastern Avenue

Well Discussion. Mr. LaFortune, owner of the property, met with the Board. A Title 5 inspection of this property disclosed that the well servicing the facility was 70 feet from the septic system and the water test showed the level of Nitrates as being in excess of 5ppm. The owner had more tests done that were slightly less than 5ppm and asked if they would suffice. Title 5 requires that wells that are 50 to 100 feet of a septic system with an excess of 5ppm at time of testing fails the system and the failure cannot be altered. The current owner knew of the

problem when he purchased the property and was informed by the Board Agent that acceptable solutions would be to either connect to the Lunenburg Water District or drill a new well at least 100 feet from the septic system. The area is noted for high groundwater and shallow depth to ledge. The owner will pursue drilling a new well as the best solution.

684 Flat Hill Road

Paul Bertrand, owner of the property, met with the Board. The well on this property has been failing to provide adequate water for the occupants. The owner was asked to come to this meeting with an update on progress in replacing the well. The well driller is on the property and is currently drilling the new well. Once done, volume will be tested and if insufficient, fracking will be performed. We will be kept apprised of progress and results.

Minutes were approved.

Discussion of Well Regulations modification postponed until October meeting.

Septic System Permits were signed

Title 5 Inspection Reports were reviewed.