



Town of Boylston Board of Health boh@boylston-ma.gov

221 Main Street, Boylston MA 01505 ** Telephone (508) 869-6828 ** Fax (508) 869-6210

MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2016

Members Present: Doug Kimmens, Sarah Scheinfein, John Wentzell

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Costello (Sanitation Agent), see attached Sign-In Sheet

Recorder: Melanie Rich

GENERAL BUSINESS

Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated September 26, 2016; John Wentzell seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

Due to the Christmas Holiday, Wednesday, January 4, 2017 was confirmed as the next BOH meeting date.

218 School Street Extension – Sean Soheli was present. He explained that he requested an extension which was denied by the board. He was told by Dennis there was a problem with the reserve area. He hired Waterman Designs who revised the plan to change the heavy duty tank to a regular tank. They propose to backfill the reserve area with native material from the site. Dennis said the reserve area must be filled with Title 5 septic gravel to a certain level; on top of that native material can be used. Mr. Soheli asked what the reason was for that. Dennis said because that is what DEP emailed to the engineer. Mr. Soheli said there is no such thing; DEP only said to swap the reserve area with the primary. He asked if it is a state regulation or town regulation to backfill it with Title 5 material; Dennis said it is a state regulation. He said that they excavated the parent material out of the hole, and we treat the reserve area the same as the primary area. Mr. Soheli asked Dennis for a copy of the state regulation that refers to that.

Mr. Soheli felt that Dennis was not very helpful because he was against the project from the beginning. Dennis said he was against it because he did not find very many good holes which told him that it was not the best area. The first person Mr. Soheli hired compromised the system; the natural soil was taken out; the soil is not consolidated anymore. Mr. Soheli said in 10-15 years the board will change and regulations will change; if the system fails, the board will not accept the Title 5 material. Doug Kimmens said it will still be good at the time of installation even if the laws change. The issue seems to be when you put in the reserve area, you have to fill it with septic sand; you cannot fill it with soil that has already been excavated from the hole.

The board reviewed the revised plan. Mr. Soheli said they are not going to mix the bottom soil with the top soil. Dennis said he needs to take out another 6". The note on the plan says they are going to dig the dirt out, and put the dirt back in that has been dug out. Dennis said he

approached the board about it and the only way to do it, in his estimation, is to take it down 6" more, fill it with Title 5 sand, and be done with it. Mr. Soheli asked why it can't be done as proposed. Dennis said because it is not part of a normal progression of building a septic system. Mr. Soheli asked why he should put \$6,000 of Title 5 sand in the reserve area that he doesn't need; Doug said because that is what the law says. The board suggested talking to Waterman Designs. The email Dennis gave to Mr. Soheli did not say anything about the Title 5 material; DEP only said to swap the primary with the reserve area. Dennis would like to go out and shoot the bottom. If it is correct, he is taking out about 6' of material in Trench #1; we need another 4' below that. Mr. Soheli can start the system. Dennis will talk to Waterman Designs and DEP tomorrow. Sarah Scheinfein told Mr. Soheli that we want to work with him but we need to follow the law. Mr. Soheli understood that.

AGENT'S REPORT

Tobacco – Sarah emailed the Boylston Elementary School (BES) and Tahanto School principals. She received a response from BES. The PTO did not think it would be something they would be interested in. She has not received a response from Tahanto. She would like to visit the BES to show them the products that are geared toward the younger children. The Tobacco Bill did not pass the House. 139 towns have signed on.

Flu Clinics – Poor turnout; 25 people. There was lack of notification to the seniors due to the passing of the Council on Aging Director. The board will revisit the topic in July to plan for the upcoming season.

695 Main Street (Library) – There were a few changes; Dennis inspected it and received an as-built plan from David E. Ross Associates; it's all set.

Marijuana Legalization (Local Boards of Health Involvement) – Medical marijuana is for all intent purposes, taxable and monitored by Zoning and government. Dennis doesn't see much involvement by the BOH.

Sharps – Dennis is working with the Police Department. They receive sharps from calls they attend or from people dropping them off. The Police Department has tubes they put them in. Dennis will pick them up from the PD every six months. Sarah will put a reminder on Facebook the hours that the office accepts them.

Dennis participated in two drills this month; the Web EOC Drill for the Emergency Dispensing Site and a call-down drill.

PLAN REVIEW

Lot 7A Gulf Street (Ball Hill Property Management) – Approved.

Lot 7B Gulf/Sewall Street (Ball Hill Property Management) – Approved.

220 & 290 Shrewsbury Street (Scannell Properties) – Approved.

November 28, 2016 BOH Meeting Minutes

Definitive Plan for 220 & 290 Shrewsbury Street (Scannell Properties) – The board had no issues with the plan.

29 Flagg Street (Katz) – Approved.

14 Cottonwood Place (Prince) – Approved.

Lots 9A & 9B Compass Circle (Jim Haynes) – Approved.

543 Main Street (Thurston) – Approved.

Doug Kimmens made a motion to adjourn; John Wentzell seconded the motion; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.