



Board of Health – Town of Spencer

Minutes

Board of Health Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2009 at 6:30 PM
McCourt Social Hall
Memorial Town Hall

Board of Health members present: Lynda Laine (Chairman) and Rodney Foisy

Staff present: Lee Jarvis, Health Agent

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. (Laine/Foisy) passed 2/0.

Minutes & Correspondence

November 3, 2008 – *A motion to accept the minutes (Laine/Foisy) passed 2/0.*

Townhouse Court – On December 26, 2008, Mr. Jarvis received a phone call from 5 residents of Townhouse Court saying that during the 6 day power outage, their basements were flooded with water and effluent. None of them would give their names because they were told that if they complained to the Board of Health, they would be evicted. Mr. Ragsdale said that the previous owner may have said that but he did not.

The system drains out gravity into a pump chamber and the pump chamber pumps to the municipal sewer system. There are 18 apartments with running water and no sewerage ejector, therefore the system was backed up and has an odor. Mr. Jarvis went in and did a full investigation on the apartments. The sump pumps were turned on but a lot of the water was pumped through the sump pump system emptying across the street into the wetland that goes into Lake Whittemore.

Mr. Jarvis does not believe that there was any damage done to the wetland. It was just mostly water. Mr. Jarvis would like some kind of map showing where the sump pumps end up. Mr. Ragsdale, Townhouse Court owner, said that they pump to Main Street. Since Mr. Ragsdale has owned the property, he has replaced the sump pumps in the basements.

Mr. Jarvis had made a couple suggestions to Mr. Ragsdale to either put in an uninterrupted power supply or a solenoid system. There has to be some kind of system that automatically shuts the water down when there is no power. Any work done has to be permitted and will be inspected. Mr. Jarvis is also requiring that the building be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

Ms. Ginny Scarlet, Wetland/Soil Specialist for the Town of Spencer, wants to make sure that Mr. Ragsdale understands that anything being put into the surface drain other than

uncontaminated ground water or surface runoff is illegal. Mr. Ragsdale said he understands and the problem will be taken care of.

Mr. Jarvis also said that another problem with these buildings is mold. Mr. Jarvis suggested putting in bathroom vents and dehumidifiers in the basement. Mr. Ragsdale said that they will work hard and get everything done the correct way.

MBTE Monies: Ms. Laine drafted a letter and sent it to Mr. Jarvis. Mr. Jarvis said that he never received it. Mr. Jarvis said to send the letter directly to Mr. Paul Guida, Town Administrator.

Annual Report: Mr. Jarvis has been asked to produce a budget with a 10% cut. The fluoride program is in place as of right now. The program will be terminated if the 10% cut is across the board.

Power Outage follow-up: Mr. Jarvis went around and inspected all the restaurants that lost power. Mr. Jarvis provided all the restaurants with a report called an Interruption Report. It gives instructions of what to do if there is some kind of interruption in the store or restaurant. The restaurants that lost power did fill it out and returned it to the BOH office.

LUA – Spencer Savings Bank – 143 Ash Street – sas to the foundation is 7', sas to the wells is 75' & 56' - Mr. Jarvis explained the plan. The members reviewed the plan. *A motion was made to accept the plan (Foisy/Laine) passed 2/0.*

LUA – 6 Bellevue Drive, Paquette – sas to the well is 65', tanks to the property line is 6', tank to the foundation is 5'. Mr. Jarvis explained the plan. The members reviewed the plan. *A motion was made to accept the plan (Foisy/Laine) passed 2/0.*

LUA – 15 Rustic Lane, Cleary – sas to the wells is 52' (abutter) and 70' (owner), sas to the lake is 30'. Mr. Jarvis explained the plan. The members reviewed the plan. *A motion was made to accept the plan (Laine/Foisy) passed 2/0.*

LUA – 15 Delude Avenue, Glass – sas to the wells is 60' (Desmaris), 52' (owner), sas to the property line is 6', tank to Desmaris well is 30', sas to the wetland is 19'. Mr. Jarvis explained the plan. The members reviewed the plan. *A motion was made to accept the plan (Laine/Foisy) passed 2/0.*

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. (Laine/Foisy), passed 2/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daoust, Clerk
Development & Inspectional Services