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Board of Health MINUTES September 18, 2007

Meeting called to order at: 7:40 PM

Present: Chairperson Peggy Chapman; Stephen Bobo; Health Agent Joseph R. Godzik and Recording Secretary Tara Tradd.

Office Business:

- Next Meeting Monday October 15, 2007

Beechwood Ballfield Tight Tank Discussion

Merle Brown present. The tight tank was installed without a permit or inspection since the approval was denied by the Department of Environmental Protection in September of 2006. The Baseball Committee would like to go back to DEP to see if they would reconsider and allow the installation of the Tight Tank. Merle is asking the Board of Health for another letter of support for the installation of a tight tank to serve the concession stand and public restrooms. For now the restrooms will remain locked until either the denial is reversed or further exploration for a leaching area is found. The Board unanimously recommended that the Committee explore the option for installation of a composting toilet system.

270 South Main Street, Septic System Repair; Phil Spath, P.E.

Abutters list in order. The applicant is requesting two local upgrades to **15.405 (1) (j)** Reduce the separation between the groundwater and the inlet and outlet Tee's in the septic tank and the septic tank from the required 12 inches to zero. The water table is too high to meet this requirement. The tank will be a monolithic pour making it as water tight as possible. **15.405 (1) (k)** Reduce the required number of observation holes from the required 2, to one hole. The SAS was designed in its present location because of the construction of a swimming pool (maybe). Another observation hole will be done during construction. The I/A system (Septi-Tech) is being used to reduce the separation between the groundwater and the SAS from 4 feet to 2 feet. Bobo moved to approve the Sewage Disposal System Repair; dated August 10, 2007 subject to the consideration another observation hole be dug in the SAS during construction. Chapman seconded, vote carried unanimously.

247 Forest Avenue, Septic Repair Extension Request

The Board unanimously agreed to issue an order stating that the homeowner has 21 days from receipt of the order to commence the construction of the septic system to repair the failed one that is currently serving the dwelling; and should that not occur within the 21 days the Board of Health will proceed with an order to cease and desist on the occupancy of the dwelling.

Old Business:

- Wellhead Protection Compliance Update – The Board of Health received a copy of a letter from the DEP regarding an extension to the Town’s wellhead protection compliance due date from July 1st to December 31st. The Water Departments Water Management Act permit requires the Town to amend the Water Resource District to meet current DEP requirements. The Water Commission had a deadline of June 30th which got extended so the Commission can get it passed at the Fall Special Town Meeting. If Town Meeting doesn’t pass it then DEP will order the BOH to do it by regulation. As soon as the Water Commission has more specific description of the changes that are needed they will pass it along to the BOH.
- Bylaw Change to Water Resource District – After reading the bylaw it reads that the Board of Health will be asked to write a regulation dealing with the issue of deicing and manure storage within the Water Resource District. The manure storage requirement, while it doesn’t affect many people, is pretty onerous. While it doesn’t apply, dog owners who don’t clean up their yards pose a greater problem, in Dr. Godzik’s opinion, and they are not being regulated. Looks like another by-law or regulatory requirement that will never be enforced. The Board requests that we get more definitive information on storage requirements and capacities.
- Bassing Beach Title 5 Inspection Request – In the interest of finding possible pollution sources for the harbor the Board of Health requests that the Cohasset Conservation Trust have a licensed Title 5 Inspector perform an inspection of the wastewater facilities serving the cottages at Bassing Beach. The Board unanimously agreed to send the request letter.
- 792 A Jerusalem Road – The Cifrino’s septic system has never worked since the day it was installed Dr. Godzik recommends the Board to send an order to the Cifrino’s to connect to the municipal sewer system immediately.

New Business:

- Fluorometry for Bacterial Detection Grant – Bobo gave a brief overview of the grant and what commitments are to be met by the Town. So Noted.

Correspondence:

- South Shore Hospital Emergency Planning Drills – Dr. Godzik; Tara Tradd; Mary Goodwin and Stephen Bobo to attend.
- Town of Cohasset LEPC Meeting – Judy Fitzsimmons and Steve Bobo to attend.
- StormSmart Coasts Project/South Shore Hazards Atlas Workshop – So Noted.
- Little Harbor Stormwater Grant Update – So Noted.
- South Shore Boards of Health Tobacco Control Program – Compliance Checks – So Noted.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 PM

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