

**Belchertown Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday October 3, 2016 at 7:30 PM  
Lawrence Memorial Hall**

**Present:** Gary Racicot, Roger Bonsall, Robert Hutchinson and Andrew Drawec

**Absent:** Sean Cleary

**In-Attendance:** Judy Metcalf, Director, Mary Grenier

Gary opened the meeting at 7:36 PM.

**7:35 PM 200 Boardman Street** John Pawlikowski Owner; Neil Jackson Designer. Local Upgrade Request 1' reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater. 3' instead of the minimum required 4'. N. Jackson was present and explained that this is a pump system and will also require a local upgrade for septic tank to be 95' instead of the required 100' from a stream. Due to lot constraints this design would be the best case scenario. R. Bonsall motioned to allow 3' offset between SAS and high groundwater. And a local upgrade for the septic tank to be no less than 95' from the wetlands which are currently under review with the Conservation Commission. A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.

**55 Chauncey Walker** Leonard Mosca Owner; Neil Jackson Designer. Local Upgrade Request 1' reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater. 3' instead of the minimum required 4' and LUA for SAS to be 52' from wetland's edge instead of the required 100'. N. Jackson was present and explained the design to the Board. The 1' offset in separation would reduce the need for a pump system. To keep the setbacks to wells the system needs to be closer to wetlands. The wetland delineation is currently under review with the Conservation Commission. Board of Health regulations require SAS to be 100' from wetlands, the State only requires 50'. R. Bonsall motioned to grant LUA to Leonard Mosca at 55 Chauncey Walker a 1' reduction between SAS and high groundwater 4' down to 3' so it would alleviate the expense of installing a pump system. LUA is granted for SAS to be no less than 50' from wetland edge due to lot constraints and keeping the offset to wells. A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.

**7:40 PM** 238 West Street Joseph Accardi Owner; John Kopinsky Designer. Local Upgrade Request for alternative system (presby) a 2' reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater. John Kopinsky was present and explained his design. This repair will be a presby system which will fit nicely due to the constraints of the lot. It will also remove the need for a large mound. This is a pump system. Judy asked Mr. Kopinsky when doing presby systems for his clients if he

would remind them of their responsibility to register the system on their deed. Office has run into complications when a Certificate of Compliance is requested and home owners are told the requirements of having this system installed on their property. Also, this system will need a plumbing permit. R. Hutchinson motioned to approve the LUA for Joseph Accardi at 238 West Street for a 2' reduction between SAS and high groundwater. R. Bonsall seconded. All in Favor.

**7:45 PM** 191 Mill Valley Rd Deb Amos Owner. Variance request to have well regulation requirement IV. A. 3, that a registered Sanitarian or Professional Engineer design the plan for a replacement well at 191 Mill Valley Road. Ms. Amos was present and explained to the Board that her shallow well has gone dry and she had a well driller, Kurt Henshaw, draw a sketch of her property showing where he would drill a new artesian well. The property was built in 1954 and the Board of Health office has no paperwork in reference to her septic system or well. It was explained to Ms. Amos the need to have a P.E. or R.S. do the design because exact measurements from the home's foundation are needed. R. Bonsall said that surrounding neighbor's SAS and wells are needed to be referenced and correct measured setbacks required. A hand drawn sketch is not acceptable especially since there is no other documentation on this property. J. Metcalf explained that basic data is needed, needs to show fixed points, where everything i.e., house, garage lay out on the lot. Concrete property lines are needed. R. Bonsall moved to take no action on the request from Ms. Amos to waive well regulation requirements. R. Hutchinson seconded. All in Favor.

J. Metcalf informed the Board that this year's Belchertown Fair food inspections went well. The new vendor *Fiesta Shows* were professional and had a person in charge on-site. The usual food vendor's inspections went well. One complaint came to J. Metcalf's attention with a game booth giving out live goldfish as a prize. She advised the proper agency to contact would be the MSPCA/Humane Society. Cindy Brown of the Fair Committee handled this with no incident.

J. Metcalf told the Board that she has met New England Small Farm Institute, Valley Poultry applicant. She has advised them of the steps they need to do before they are ready to come in front of the Board of Health. A waste water treatment plan is needed and a hook up into a water line. The plan they have now would never meet Board of Health requirements. The lessee of NESFI cannot rely on government exemptions because they are not considered an essential business of the State.

J. Metcalf reminded the Board of the upcoming Quabbin Health District meeting on Thursday October 6, 2016.

Board signed the amended June 6, 2016 meeting minutes.

A. Drawec moved to accept the meeting minutes of July 18, 2016 as written.

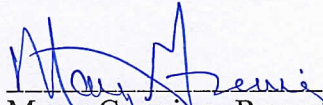
R. Bonsall seconded. All in Favor.

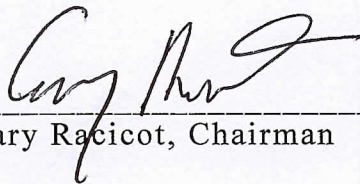
Board signed warrant.

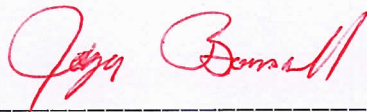
J. Metcalf was asked the outcome of the Title V report Alan Weiss had performed on 84 Metacommet Street. Alan Weiss changed the report to passing. Both parties tried to come to an equitable agreement but were unable to agree on terms. The Buyers ultimately bought the property knowing they would have to cover the entire cost of hooking up to town sewer.


R. Hutchinson motioned to adjourn 8:45 PM A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.

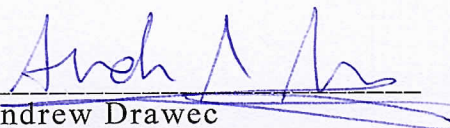
Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mary Grenier, Recording Secretary

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Gary Racicot, Chairman

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Roger Bonsall, Vice Chair

  
Robert Hutchinson 11-7-16

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Andrew Drawec