

**Belchertown Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday July 10 2017 at 7:30 PM  
Lawrence Memorial Hall**

**Present:** Roger Bonsall, Gary Racicot, Andrew Drawec, Dana Burton and Hope Guardenier

**In-Attendance:** Stephen Bell, MPH Health Inspector  
Recording Secretary: Mary Grenier

R. Bonsall opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

**211 Boardman Road** Owner Robert Pare, Engineer Neil Jackson. N. Jackson was present and showed the Board his designs for the septic repair. The current system was installed in 1986 and due to lot constraints and to avoid a pump system a 3'.26" offset to high groundwater is needed instead of the required 4'. R. Bonsall explained to the new Board members the components of the septic system and how Title V regulations are sometimes not feasible when an existing system needs to be repaired. A. Drawec motioned to approve local upgrade to Robert Pare at 211 Boardman Street to have 3'.26" separation between SAS and high groundwater instead of the required 4'. D. Burton seconded. All in Favor.

**606 North Gulf Road** Owner Alex Dreier, Engineer Alan Weiss. Local Upgrade request for the use of a sieve analysis instead of a perc for a septic repair. Mr. Weiss was not present at this time. R. Bonsall said that a sieve analysis is more scientific than a perc test and explained to the new Board members how this information helps with the design of the system. S. Bell was at the perc and told the Board it was too wet to perc. G. Racicot motioned to approve local upgrade request to Alex Dreier, for the use of a sieve analysis instead of a perc test for the repair at 606 North Gulf Road. A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.

**71 North Street** Owner Hampden Homebuyers, LLC, John Kopinsky Engineer. Mr. Kopinsky was present and addressed the Board. There are lot constraints due to wetlands and slope. H. Guardenier asked why the system could not be placed on a certain part of the property she identified on the plans. It was explained that the area was a heavily wooded area and the Owner would certainly incur an expense of clear cutting. R. Bonsall explained that the State regulations require the SAS to be 50' from wetlands, Belchertown regulations require 100'. He also explained that the Board's staff is on site to witness perc tests and are able to work with the Engineer as to the best placement of the repair. It is standard practice to work with the Owners and design a system to help keep the financial burden to a minimum. H. Guardenier motioned to approve local upgrade to Hampden Homebuyers, LLC to do a septic repair 80' from wetlands instead of the required 100'. G. Racicot seconded. All in Favor

**28 Sabin Street** Owner James Lafley and Engineer Alan Weiss were both present. Mr. Weiss explained his plans with the Board. Due to the lot this system will be have a pump system. D. Burton motioned to approve local upgrade to James Lafley at 28 Sabin Street for a reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater to 3' instead of the required 4'. H. Guardenier seconded. All in Favor.

D. Burton motioned to accept the June 5, 2017 meeting minutes as written. G. Racicot seconded. All in favor.

Board signed warrant.

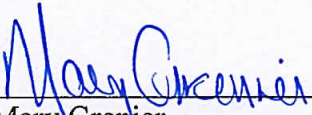
G. Racicot motioned to forgo meeting in August as had been their practice for several years. If

there is an emergency and a meeting of the Board is needed, the staff will contact the Board and secure a quorum. A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.

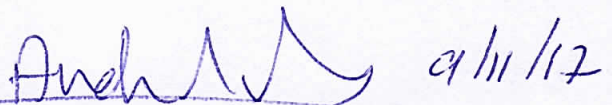
H. Gardener asked what the procedure was for drilling a well. She was asking for the Community Garden who would like to have a well for their gardens. The Board was unsure of the answer and told her to contact Judy Metcalf when she returns from vacation.


G. Racicot moved to adjourn at 8:19 PM. A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

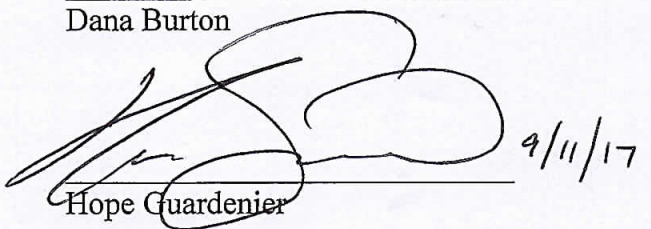
  
Mary Grenier

  
Roger Bonsall, Chairman

  
Andrew Drawec, Vice Chair

  
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Hope Gardener