Belchertown Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Monday September 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Lawrence Memorial Hall

Present: Roger Bonsall, Gary Racicot, Andrew Drawec and Hope Guardenier
Absent: Dana Burton
In-Attendance: Judy Metcalf, Director of Public Health
Recording Secretary: Mary Grenier

R. Bonsall opened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

270 South Liberty Street Owner: Berdine Boardway; Engineer Neil Jackson. LUA request for 3’ separation from high groundwater from required 4’ AND use of a sieve analysis instead of perc. N. Jackson was present and explained his design. By having the SAS at 3’ instead of required4’ it brings it to ground level. The lot was too wet to do a perc test. G. Racicot motioned to grant variance to Berdine Boardway a 3’ separation from SAS and high groundwater from required 4’ and to allow the use of a sieve analysis from UMASS labs instead of a perc. A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.

A. Drawec motioned to accept the meeting minutes of July 10, 2017 as written. H. Guardenier seconded. All in Favor.

Board signed warrant.
Board reviewed warrant signed by Dana Burton on 7/31/17

J. Metcalf told the Board that the Belchertown Fair permits were being prepared. She explained that in the past few years the office has a good system regarding permitting and inspecting the food booths. The biggest issue has been what vendors want to serve and what is allowed by the food code.

H. Guardenier asked J. Metcalf if there were any rules for a potluck supper. J. Metcalf explained that potlucks were not inspected by the BOH but there is information and guidelines for safe handling of foods. J. Metcalf will send the information to H. Guardenier.

40 Alden Street Owner Joe LeCours; Engineer Alan Weiss Local Variance request for SAS to be less than 100’ from a wetland resource area but greater than 50’. A. Weiss was present and let the Board know that the Conservation Commission confirmed the delineation and offset at their 9/11/17 meeting. He explained the design as a best fit scenario to keep the setbacks from wells and wetlands. H. Guardenier motioned to approve variance to Joe LeCours of 40 Alden Street for septic repair be no less than 60’ from the wetlands instead of Belchertown regulation of 100’. G. Racicot seconded. All in Favor.

532 Chauncey Walker Road Owner Bruce Officer; Engineer Alan Weiss Local Variance request for SAS to be less than 100’ from a wetland resource area but greater than 50’. A. Weiss
addressed the Board and said that a relatively new well had been drilled on the property and due to lot constraints it would not be possible to maintain a 100’ setback from the canal. Mr. Officer was present and told the Board that he would be filling in the old well. G. Racicot motioned to approve variance to Bruce Officer at 532 Chauncey Walker to place SAS repair no less than 50’ from the canal due to lot constraints. A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.

J. Metcalf reminded the Board that the Quabbin Health District will be meeting in Belchertown town hall on September 19, 2017. The budget will be discussed and the final report on the compensation and classification report for the QHD will be presented.

G. Racicot moved to adjourn at 8:15 PM. A. Drawec seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier

Roger Bonsall, Chairman

Andrew Drawec, Vice Chair

Gary Racicot

Hope Guardenier