

Belchertown Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Monday September 9 2019 at 7:30 PM
Lawrence Memorial Hall Auditorium

Present: Roger Bonsall, Leanne Connolly and Jim Potter

Absent: Hope Guardenier, Dana Burton

In-Attendance: Judy Metcalf, Director, Mary Grenier, Recording Secretary

R. Bonsall took over the duties of Chair and Vice Chair due to both members being absent. R. Bonsall opened the meeting at 7:37 PM.

442 Warren Wright Road Geoff Lobenstine Owner; Alan Weiss, RS LUA application 1' reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater 4' required, asking 3'. Use of sieve analysis instead of perc test. Alan Weiss was present and explained his design. This property is served by Amherst town water; a private well will not be impacted. The sieve analysis shows Class II soils. L. Connolly motioned to approve the septic repair design by A. Weiss. R. Bonsall amended the motion to include a sieve analysis can be used instead of a perc test and the repair at 442 Warren Wright Road is allowed a 1' foot separation between SAS and high groundwater; 3' feet instead of required 4' feet. J. Potter seconded. All in Favor.

49 Mountain View Drive Alan Weiss wanted to bring to the attention of the Board that his 2019 Title V inspection of the property would pass if the home was a three bedroom. The home is actually a four bedroom. Further evaluation from the Board of Health requires that owner needs to upgrade the SAS to handle a four bedroom home or place a deed restriction stating that the SAS is designed only for a three bedroom. A. Weiss wanted it in the record that he has explained the options to the owner.

257 Jabish Street Rebecca Mazuchic & Stalwart Builders, Tim Maginnis Designer. LUA requesting the SAS be 52' feet from a shallow well and 47' feet from the septic tank. Jesse Babcock addressed the Board and explained that the home was purchased to rehab and sell. The SAS failed a 2015 Title V inspection. A Title V water analysis taken on 7-29-15 came back within the testing parameters. Mr. Babcock does not have a current water test. He is in the process of having an analysis done and will submit to the office when completed. This is a two-bedroom home which Stalwart Builders is constructing an additional bedroom and two and one half baths. They were issued a conditional building permit which states *build at risk* due to the fact that Stalwart Builders did not want to wait for Board of Health or Conservation concerns to be addressed before they started rehabbing the property. Tim Maginnis has designed the SAS for a 3br design. J. Metcalf explained that the house was a two-bedroom cottage, non-conforming. The plans designed by Tim Maginnis do not show two catch basins that are located on the property nor the public water supplies in that area. Mr. Babcock said that he was willing to change the plans to a two-bedroom and do a deed restriction for the SAS. The

Board will take no action on this request until the. J. Potter motioned to take no action on 257 Jabish Street Local Upgrade request until the following is submitted to the Board of Health: 1) Tim Maginnis must place catch basins on the plans. 2) plans must show neighboring wells and 3) a water test of the shallow well is received. L. Connolly seconded. All in Favor.

35 Barton Avenue Bob & Mary Walz Owners, Sherman & Frydryk, Engineers. Use of a sieve analysis instead of perc test due to area being too wet to perc. Neil Jackson was present on behalf of Sherman & Frydryk, LLC. The Board is in receipt of a letter dated 8-20-19 stating that "*A sieve analysis has been conducted as a substitute for the required percolation test for the proposed septic repair at 35 Barton Avenue, Belchertown. After reviewing results of the laboratory analysis, the soil was found to be a class I loamy sand per 310 CMR 15.243. Upon review of these results and onsite soil conditions, I must report that the soil observed at 35 Barton Avenue, Belchertown is an uncompacted, class II, sandy loam.*" L. Connolly motioned to accept the sieve analysis instead of a perc test and accept that class II soils were observed instead of class I soils. J. Potter seconded. All in Favor.

311 Turkey Hill Road Jeff Plant Owner, Neil Jackson, Designer; LUA application 1' reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater 4' required, asking 3' and the use of a sieve analysis instead of a perc test. Neil Jackson was present and explained to the Board that an error was found on the designs which he will correct and re-submit. Error does not affect the Local Upgrade request. The one-foot reduction needed so owner will not have to have a pump system. It was too wet to perform a perc test. R. Bonsall motioned to allow a 3' foot separation between SAS and high groundwater and the use of a sieve analysis at 311 Turkey Hill Road due to the design showing that system will be 6" out of the ground and to alleviate the need for a pump system. L. Connolly seconded. All in Favor.

J. Metcalf informed the Board that a memo was received from the Selectmen's office that the Selectmen will be meeting every Monday beginning October 7, 2019. All future Board of Health meetings will be in held in the Auditorium

Triple EEE Threat: J. Metcalf informed the Board that Belchertown is at High risk to the mosquito born disease. Granby, MA is Critical due to a horse dying of Triple E last month. The afternoon sampling on 9-9-19 had no positive results. The Eastern part of the State is also at Critical due to a human case of Triple E. Spraying for mosquitos means the State has declared an emergency due to humans getting sick. There is no scheduled spraying in Belchertown. L. Connolly said this is a very serious disease and residents are urged to take precautions. Pat Barry asked why a human vaccine is not available, She has been having her horses vaccinated against Triple E for many years. J. Metcalf said that the side effects and cost of the vaccine were issues. J. Potter asked about school outside activities. J. Metcalf said the schools are not required at this time to cancel outside evening activities but have been given information about the threat and how to avoid mosquito bites. J. Metcalf has also loaded

information on the Town's website. In regards to the upcoming Belchertown Fair J. Metcalf said that the Fair Committee has been very good at supplying information and have also handed out mosquito repellent in the past.

L. Connolly motioned to approve the June 3, 2019 meeting minutes. J. Potter seconded. All in Favor.

Updates since the June 3, 2019:

☞ The office received a call from a possible buyer for 154 Amherst Road asking if the SAS can be expanded because if he purchase the property he would like to add more apartments. The last repair and local upgrade request for this property on June 3, 2019 showed that there is no room for expansion, just a repair of the existing SAS is very tight.

☞ Carol Griffith of 212 Rockrimmon Road who wanted the Board of Health to do something about animals at her neighbor's property 6 Green Avenue has received a letter from Paul Adzima, Zoning Enforcement Officer, finding that the 6 green Avenue property was in compliance.

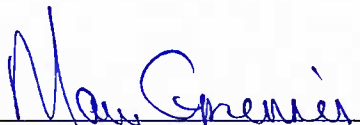
☞ The summer food service program this summer from a grant was well received.

☞ The schools are looking into a *share table*. This will be a place for students to donate their extra unopened food, whole fruit etc. for another student to take and eat. Some kids do not have enough food and some kids throw away their extra food. The share table will allow these kids access to more food and good food does not get thrown away. A cooler will be provided for unopened milk. The schools will need to write up standard operating procedures and get approved.

Board signed warrant and reviewed the warrant signed by D. Burton, signatory, on July 1, 2019.

R. Bonsall motioned to adjourn @ 8:39 PM L. Connolly seconded. All in Favor.

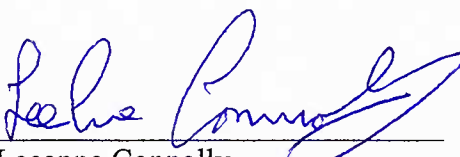
Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Grenier



Roger Bonsall



Leeanne Connolly



Jim Potter