

Board of Health Minutes
May 11, 2009

The meeting opened at 6:13 P.M. with Ms. Devanney, Ms. Perrault, Ms. Ryan, Ms. Meehan and Mr. Mellen present.

The minutes of the meeting of April 17th were approved as amended.

F.Y. 10 Budget

Ms. Ferrari informed the Board that the Selectmen took an additional \$10,000.00 from our engineering account and \$10,000.00 from the trash budget in order to try to balance the budget.

10 Richards Circle

The existing home had a failing septic system with a bathroom in the basement operating on a pump. The use of a pump before the septic tank is not allowed in Title 5. The potential owners requested a variance to use that setup. The Board was also informed that the water softener was disconnected from the existing system and will drain into the back yard.

Four Board members voted to approve the variance request. Ms. Perrault abstained. A deed restriction is required to be placed on the deed to the property about the existence of a pump on the system.

Skate III

Mr. Hannaford brought in reports for the Board's review of testing performed throughout the season of October through April on the effluent coming from the pizza establishment in the Skate III building. The tests were to determine how much grease is actually leaving the establishment and going into the septic tank. There is a small grease trap under the sink but no exterior grease trap was ever installed. The tests showed a minimal amount and were done randomly throughout the season; however they all seemed to be done during the week and not on weekends when the establishment is really busy. Mr. Hannaford told the Board that DEP had told him that suggested parameters for amounts of grease generated daily is between 16 ml-31ml. These tests were in that range.

Mr. Mellen noted that the first tests came in very high. Mr. Hannaford thought that the test was not valid and not sure why that one was so high compared to the rest of the results. Mr. Mellen thought that when the first reading came in that high, another test should have been done immediately to confirm it.

Mr. Hannaford said a water meter was installed but he did not have the results with him on how much water was used during that period.

The Board asked for additional information before that make a decision on whether an exterior grease trap would be needed.

1. Inspection reports
2. Water meter readings
3. Pumping reports

Lowell General Hospital

Lowell General Hospital will be expanding their occupancy at 100 Potash Hill Road to the second floor.

The first floor is now being used for administration. The second floor will be doctor's offices. That area is approximately 5,000 sq. ft. Title 5 requires that septic systems should be designed per doctor and not square footage.

The Board asked for more information and suggested that someone from Lowell General Hospital come in to talk with them.

Contract

The Board signed the tipping fee contract with Covanta.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.