



# Tyngsborough Board of Health

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## Board of Health Meeting Minutes December 10, 2012

**Members Present:** Sheila Perrault (SP), Pat Quinn (PQ), Tracie Looney (TL), Chris Mellen (CM), Bernadette Harper (BH)

**Also Present:** Kerri C. Oun (KO) – Health Agent, Karen Steeves (KS) – Administrator Assistant

**6:07 BH:** made motion to open meeting.

**PQ:** 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting

**Vote:** yes -5 no -0

### **6:15 DEP Presentation by Carolyn Dann:**

Diana Keohane (DK), Steve Berthiaume, and Amy Pozerski from the Recycling Subcommittee were present.

Carolyn Dann (CD) expressed her excitement of working with the Board of Health (BOH) because the BOH has power to license waste haulers. CD gave a little history on the Town of Attleboro who only licensed waste haulers who also provide trash and recycling services to their customers. DEP has regulation that has waste bans from solid waste streams. Waste bans are either recyclable or hazardous. MassDEP conducts inspections at solid waste facilities to identify haulers and generators that dispose of banned materials. CD proposed to the Board to license waste haulers who bundle pricing for trash and recycling. She provided a handout to the Board on Waste Bans and on 86 communities that has hauler recycling regulation. CM pointed out that 86 out 351 towns in Massachusetts only made 24% towns that are in compliance with DEP waste bans regulation. He asked if DEP has done outreach to other towns in MA. CD said that she has been working with towns that have been interested and is willing to speak to any communities who may be interested. DK and Board have concerns over costs to the businesses. The Board wants to discuss this further before meeting with CD again. CD will attend recycling subcommittee meeting Wednesday January 23, 2013.

**7:15 77 Frost Road**

Jeff Hannaford (JH) from Norse Engineer and Richard Groll were present to request a variance to Title 5. The property is on a small lot under 5000 square feet and has sandy soil. The system is designed for 2 bedrooms per Title V regulation. House has one bedroom. The existing tank and pit will be crushed and filled. The new system is down gradient to the wells. Due to location of the existing well and the small lot size, JH and owner are asking for following variances:

- Minimum Setback Distances from 10 feet to 8 feet for the septic tank to property line.
- Minimum Setback Distances from 10 feet to 5 feet from a crawl space to septic tank.
- Offset to private well from 100 feet to 54 feet from the proposed soil absorption system.
- Offset to Private Well from 100 feet to 52 feet from private well to soil absorption system.

Most surrounding wells have been tested except for the one. The well will be tested this week and the turn-around for the results should be around 1 to 2 weeks.

**BH:** made motion to grant variances subject to water test and to MW's review and finding.

**PQ:** Second the motion

**Vote:** yes – 5 no – 0

**7:40 104 Middlesex Road**

Owners of 104 Middlesex Road, Frank Serafini and Anthony Catalano were present to request an extension on the BOH order that was issued by health agent KO. KO explained that she had received a complaint from a tenant who claimed that there was a breakout of the septic system on the property. She and Matt Waterman, the consultant from LandTech, were at the property and observed a breakout. KO issued an order for the landlord to pump system within 24 hours and for the system to be repaired by connecting to sanitary sewer. Mr. Serafini explained he had a problem tenant who had left the water run causing damage to his system. He had rented the apartment to 4 people but 8 people ended up occupying the unit. The tenants had been evicted and felt that now the system has been ok. The owners have looked into connecting to sewer but it is a big expense. In addition, they need easement through another property to connect to the sewer. They also plan to ask for a betterment loan from the Sewer Department and wanted to work on the connection to the sewer in spring. KO had been to property and observed that the spot where there had been a breakout is not completely dry but she did not observe any effluent. Board wants to continue the case to next month and wanted KO to inspect the property to ensure that there is no breakout. If there is a breakout, then the owners will need to pump the system immediately and expedite the repair process. The owners claimed they have hired an engineer from LandTech to work on the plan.

**BH:** Made motion to continue case to next month and wanted an update from owners on the plan to make repair to the septic system in spring.

**CM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

**Vote:** yes – 5 no-0

**7:55 Minutes**

**TL:** Made motion to accept the October minutes.

**PQ:** 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

**Vote:** yes -5 no-0

**7:55 Health Agent's Report**

**Drills and Deliverables** – KO reported to the Board that Staff Notification and Site Activation drills are due by December 31, 2012. She will call, text, and/or email the Board as part of the drill.

**Trash Contract:** The 4 town coalition has received a counter offer from Allied Waste. KO, CM, and the Town Administrator (TA) will be going to another meeting to discuss the contract this Wednesday, December 12.

**8:00 Administrative Assistant's Report**

**Permits:** KS is working on the permits for this year.

**Olive Garden:** BOH has received water and FOG plan from Olive Garden. BOH has also received email from Dale McKinnon, the engineer stating that he has found that the water softener has been connected to the septic system. Board wants MW “keep on top” of Olive Garden and to work closely with Olive Garden in the installation process of the septic system.

**Cardboard dumpster:** SP signed letter to Board of Selectmen requesting to place a cardboard dumpster at DPW.

**Christmas lights:** CM wanted Christmas lights to be recycled. Junk King has offered to take Christmas lights. Residents can drop off the lights at BOH.

**Budget:** CM went over BOH budget. KO reported that she has submitted budget request to TA and added \$200 to Health Fair as requested by CM.

**8:15 Motion to adjourn**

**TL:** made motion to adjourn

**CM:** 2<sup>nd</sup>the motion

**Vote:** yes -4 no - 0

Respectfully for the Board of Health  
Kerri C. Oun  
Health Agent