

Draft minutes for March 8, 2010, for review

Minutes of the Town of Dover, Board of Health meeting for March 8, 2010.

Present: Dr. Barbara Roth-Schechter, Chairperson; Dr. Joseph Musto, Member; Dr. Harvey George, Member; Mike Angieri, Agent for Septic Systems.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

- 1) The minutes of the February 22, 2010 meeting were read and approved as presented.
- 2) 25 Meadowbrook, Public Hearing for Variances. Ardi Rappi, of Cheney Engineering, presented a plan for this site which contains a 3 bedroom house with a failed septic system. They requested a septic upgrade design for 4 bedrooms and variances from Dover regulations. Variances would include: no garbage grinder, 9 foot spacing for trenches. A deed restriction for no garbage grinder is required. Mr. Mix, an abutter at 22 Meadowbrook, had questions about the retaining wall, surface and subsurface water flow, depth to groundwater and site conditions, which were all answered. The Board voted unanimously to approve the variance requests and the plan subject to final technical review.
- 3) 10 Powder House Road, Preliminary discussion. Evan Wilmarth presented a plan for preliminary discussion for this site which contains an 11 room house equivalent to a 5 bedroom design. There is a failed septic system and the owners want to up-grade the septic system for a 4 bedroom design, not 5 bedrooms. They would need variances from Dover regulations: no garbage grinder, no reserve area, reduce trench spacing from 12' to 9'. A complete plan will be presented at a future public hearing, possibly March 22, 2010.
- 4) 31 Yorkshire Road, deed restriction. This is a 4 bedroom, 10 room house built about 1986. The owners are planning an addition which requires the relocation of the septic tank, but does not impact the leaching system. There is a fifth room on the second floor which the assessor is considering a bedroom, but the original septic design does not and only allows a 4 bedroom house. The deed restriction limits the house to 4 bedrooms. The Board voted unanimously to approve the deed restriction for 4 bedrooms.
- 5) 1 Conrick Lane, deed restriction. The house has 8 rooms and they are adding 1 room. The deed restriction limits the house to 4 bedrooms. The Board voted unanimously to approve the deed restriction for 4 bedrooms.
- 6) Lyme Disease Committee (LDC) Report. Dr. Barbara Roth-Schechter presented to the Board a draft of the Report of the Lyme Disease Committee, dated April 1, 2010, for discussion by the BOH, subsequent review and approval by the LDC on April 1, and to be followed by eventual submission in its final form to BOH. Dr. Harvey George made some editorial changes that will be incorporated into the Final report. Dr. Roth-Schechter explained that the mission of the LDC was completed and that the next step, if recommended and approved by the BOH, would be to implement the 3 recommendations cited in the report, i.e., education about personal protection and property protection and deer herd management.

Dr. Roth-Schechter indicated that she would propose to the LDC that implementation would require 1 or 2 members of the LDC to work on each recommendation and develop the item for presentation to the public and work with those agencies controlling town land to develop a deer management program. These members would be considered liaisons, would report regularly to the LDC, while the Chair of the LDC would be expected to report regularly to the BOH. A decision about the continuation of the LDC will be made at the time of its meeting on April 1, 2010. Dr. Harvey George expressed the Board's appreciation for all the work the LDC had done and made a motion, unanimously approved, to recommend continuation of the LDC for another year and to have Dr. Roth-Schechter continue as Chair of the LDC in order to implement the 3-pronged approach recommended by the LDC to the BOH in the draft report. .

- 7) Artificial Turf at Caryl Park recreational area. The Board had a general discussion of the proposed use of artificial turf at the play fields with Scott Seidman, member of the Parks and Recreation Committee and Dave Mac Tavish, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. Dr. Roth-Schechter attended a Parks and Recreation public hearing February 25, 2010, at which concerns were raised about the use of artificial turf. Mr. Seidman and Mr. Mac Tavish explained their work so far to have the town construct two new play fields using artificial turf playing surfaces. They explained the information given to them by the consultant about the proposed material, its use and management and felt it was acceptable for use, but were seeking input from the Board about the issues raised.

There are numerous issues about the use of artificial turf which the Board felt needed further evaluation e.g., temperature rise on the playing field, off-gassing, leaching of chemicals into the groundwater, infection of players, disinfection of the fields, drainage of the fields, abrasion injury studies in children, disposal of the artificial turf after 8 – 10 years of use, the need and risk of fencing around the fields, all of which the Board felt have not been clearly addressed. Mr. Seidman agreed and felt more discussion was necessary and that he would address the Boards concerns in a written answer.

Mr. Seidman and Mr. Mac Tavish left the meeting as an abutter, Kathleen Mitchell, addressed the Board about her concerns of the use of artificial turf. Her concerns addressed the health issues, cost, maintenance and disposal of the material which has an expected life of about 10 years. She felt the costs and especially the health issues had not been adequately evaluated and would potentially leave the town facing legal issues and additional costs in the future.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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