

Minutes of the Town of Dover, Board of Health meeting for January 9, 2012

Present: Members - Dr. Joe Musto, Chairman; Dr. Barbara Roth-Schechter; Dr. Harvey George; Agent - Mike Angieri, Septic; Agent Joe Fryer, Wells.

- 1) Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM.
- 2) Minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting were approved.
- 3) 167 Claybrook Road. Public hearing to discuss variance from town regulations. Ardi Rappi of Cheney Engineering presented a plan for the installation of a new well at this site. Notice was sent to abutters and none were present. The house was built in the 1960's and used a shallow well near the Charles River for water supply. The well failed in November and had to be replaced. Due to site conditions and adjacent wells and septic systems, the only location for a new well required it to be within 100 feet of the sewer pipe and cess-pool, but over 50 feet to the cess-pool. The variance allows the well to be installed and not meet town regulations (100 foot separation) but meet Title V. The cess-pool will be removed and a watertight septic tank installed. The Board unanimously approved the variance as being in the best interest of public health and safety doing otherwise would be unjust.
- 4) Continued discussion of Variance Hearing Policy. The Board finalized its policy for notification to abutters during public hearings for variance requests from DEP and Town regulations to clarify CMR 15.411.1.b. This policy is intended to clarify the definition of an abutter and of the procedure for sending notices to abutters. An abutter will be anyone owning property within 300 feet of a site and notices will be sent by certified mail from a certified assessor's list obtained from the assessor's office. The detailed notification procedure was unanimously approved as an official BOH Policy. Copies will be given to all engineers and sanitarians presently working in the town and it will also be available on the Town of Dover website under Board of Health section.
- 5) 18 Walpole Street. The Board re-signed a previously approved deed restriction as the original documents were misplaced.
- 6) Old Farm Road Water System. The Board added a discussion of the Old Farm Road Water System. This system has been struggling to comply with water quality standards for several years. They were recently notified by DEP of a non-compliance issue as the water samples showed the chemical compound "perchlorate" at a level of 2.8 mpl which is above the 2.0 action level. The DEP ordered the water company to notify users not to drink the water until the issue is resolved.
  - A) The Board will notify all residents on Old Farm Road and any on adjacent roads deemed necessary of this condition and request any homes on private wells to their water tested for perchlorate and any other similar compounds to determine if they also have an issue. The Board will request test results be reported to the Board to assist in evaluating the situation.

B) The Board also determined that until this matter is resolved, there would be a moratorium on well drilling on Old Farm Road and adjacent streets deemed appropriate.

Any affected parties can attend a Board of Health monthly meeting to discuss the issue.

The Board unanimously approved this Policy as being in the best interest of public health and safety.

7) Lyme Disease Committee (LDC). The Board added a discussion of the LDC. The LDC's annual report is ready for inclusion in the Board of Health section of the annual town report. The Board discussed participation in the MDPH's intern program to study tick reduction between June to August on selected sites using "tick tubes". Up to 10 sites would be used to monitor effectiveness of this potential method for tick reduction. Interns would operate the program and monitor the sites on a weekly basis and collect data and perform analyses. The Board unanimously approved participation in the program and will the LDC will coordinate activities.

8) The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Mike Angieri