

Minutes of the Town of Dover, Board of Health meeting for September 10, 2012

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

- 1) Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM.
- 2) Minutes of the August 13, 2012 meeting were approved.
- 3) 28 Meadowbrook Road. Public hearing for an up-graded septic system. Notices were sent to abutters and one was present. Paul Saulnier of Civilized Solutions presented the plan. Variances were requested for the proposed up-graded septic system for the existing 3 bedroom house including no garbage grinder to be installed. Board approved the plan and variances and a deed restriction for no garbage grinder and house limited to 3 bedrooms and use of the Elgen and FAST treatment systems.
- 4) 15 Old Farm Road. The owners applied to the Board for a private well permit to obtain water from their own land. They presently obtain water from the Old Farm Road Water System, a privately owned and operated "public water system" serving 15 homes on Old Farm Road. This system is monitored by DEP and must comply with mandated water treatment requirements. The Board instituted a policy of no new well drilling in this area in January 2012 due to issues with water quality with the Old Farm Road Water System well. After a lengthy discussion about variable water quality from rock wells and on-going treatment and monitoring, the Board determined that it would not issue a permit for a private water supply well to be installed in an aquifer that has known water quality problems with the source of the problems unknown.
- 5) Well Regulations, Chapter 233. The Board continued its general discussion of the Well Regulations which have been in effect since 1990, with minor changes in 1995. The Regulations are in need of up-dating for chemical standards and other issues, including but not limited to: 100 foot well radius setback overlapping abutters land and interfering with use of that site; use of water from public supplies and having on-site wells; periodic testing of wells for bacterial and/or chemical quality; definition and use of geothermal wells; general content of the Regulations and enforcement. We will try to get input from DEP on possible changes. This discussion will continue at the October, 2012 meeting.
- 6) Septic Regulations, Chapter 217. The Board continued its discussion of proposed Septic Regulations which have been in effect since 1995 with a major revision in 2004. The Board is proposing a complete rewrite of the Regulations including but not limited to: bring most of the regulations into compliance with Title V, thus eliminating many of the set-back requirements which require variance hearings for existing homes; allow year round site testing; separate issues for new houses on vacant lots versus developed lots with existing houses or new house; define the

use of computer modeling to determine site suitability on vacant lots for sewage disposal without a breakout.

The proposed final version dated August 29, 2012 was reviewed by Town Council. The Board discussed this and the need for outside peer review. The Board recognized that the implementation schedule needs to be revised and the public notices and hearing will be scheduled for early 2013. This discussion will continue at the October, 2012 meeting.

7) The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Mike Angieri