

Sturbridge Board of Health
Meeting Minutes March 21, 2016

Present: Board Members: Linda Cocalis, Robert Audet, and Richard Volpe.
Jamie Terry Interim Health Agent and Lynne Girouard Administrative Clerk

Absent:

Chairwoman Linda Cocalis opened the meeting at 5:05pm

92 Wallace Road

Fred Trifone is asking for a variance due to the placement of the new septic system leach area in relation to the existing well placement. The request would reduce the required offset from 100ft to 75ft. There is no change in bedrooms to the existing home.

Health Agent Jamie Terry noted that the Board of Health may wish to require a water quality test every few years. Title 5 does not require a water quality test be performed yearly, but said test would be required to complete any Title 5 inspection report for the property in the future. The Board discussed requiring a standard Title 5 Water quality test every five (5) years. This notice must be placed onto the deed of the property.

Robert Audet made a motion to approve the variance request and require a deed restriction be recorded for the property which would state the need for a Title 5 water Quality test to be performed a minimum of every 5 years. Richard Volpe 2nd the motioned. All in Favor 3-0

Agents Report:

Mass Cancer Registry Data is reported to the BOH every 5 Year. If there is a suspect cluster of concern additional data and analysis can be requested through the Mass Cancer Registry. Jamie Terry has a call into the Mass Cancer Registry to request the latest data.

48 Bushnell Road

There is a failed Title 5 report on file with the BOH office dated 12.17.12. Since the failure plans have been submitted to the BOH and approved (8.2.13) To date no action has been taken to replace the failed system and there are now reports that system has broken out to ground surface. Jamie Terry has been in contact with the property owner, Dawna Foote, regarding both of these concerns. Ms. Foote immediately had the septic system pumped and is working to move forward with the engineer to satisfy the outstanding concerns with the plans and approvals (they have expired). The Board of Health is aware of this failure and has approved the request for the Engineering Firm to proceed to move forward on the repair of this project. There must be no changes to the existing topography or approved plans and the fee must be paid in full. The Board noted that this needs to be done ASAP.

Region 2 Update

Cheryl Rawinski will be representing Sturbridge at the Region 2 Meetings. A letter is on file in Worcester.

181 Shepard Road

Linda Cocalis will contact the Town Administrator/ Legal Counsel to find out where we stand with this issue.

Regulations

Robert Audet would like Jamie Terry to review all of the Town of Sturbridge regulations and bring her suggestions before the board for their review. It was discussed that this will take some time.

Community Health

Mumps Cases have occurred in Massachusetts. There are currently not any Mumps cases in the Town of Sturbridge.

Southbridge Landfill update

Robert Audet motioned to support a letter to Casella asking for a well testing program to include any dwellings within ½ mile to 1 mile of the Southbridge Landfill. Richard Volpe 2nd the motion. All in Favor 3-0.

Other Business

Robert Audet asked for an updated Office contact list.
The Board would like a current Inspection List for the next BOH meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Robert Audet motioned to accept the Meeting Minutes of 1/21/16 & 2/11/16. Richard Volpe 2nd the motion.
All in Favor 3-0

Meeting Adjourned at 6:28 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Girouard