

Board of Health Minutes
January 27, 2014

Meeting opened at 6:33pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk; Mitch Feldmesser
Jackie Duda, Health Agent (HA); Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant

Alan discussed the Hudson property and the issues surrounding the recent request for a Local Upgrade Approval (LUA). He advised the HA should have discussed with BOH prior to any decisions being made as there are other factors that had to be considered. HA stated the decision on pursuing to LUA was not hers to make but the choice the designer, Mickey Spokas, made. This choice was taken by the designer with no guarantee it would be approved. HA did not know ahead of time a LUA was going to be pursued until the day of the perc test. HA questioned why installation was in the front rather than the back and Spokas felt since this was an upgrade, the front would work okay. At time the HA felt this should be decided by BOH.

Alan said the Board is not trying to validate something that was illegal to begin with. Jackie disagreed and stated she can only look at this from the BOH aspect and Title 5. She enforces the regulations and if the system designs comply with the requirements she can approve. Jackie did say she spoke with Paul at DEP regarding the outhouse and if the system qualified as an upgrade. The outhouse would have to have been in existence prior to 1995 to qualify for a LUA. She also stated she did not accept the first design submitted by Spokas and required her to submit a corrected design.

There was additional discussion regarding other situations and Jackie wants to be made aware of any questionable situations she may not be aware of. She has received a couple emails from the Hudson looking for advice but she replied that she can't give advice on their situation.

She has heard nothing from Mr. Crepeau since his perc test.

Jackie is aware of the ongoing cleaning in the kitchen and she had met prior with Kathy O'Brien to go over what needed to be done.

She has permitted the kitchen at the Blossom Center. Also, she has sent a letter to one party telling them they have to disconnect their garbage disposal. Unless a system is designed for a disposal, it can't be used.

There was no further discussion and Alan motioned to adjourn and return to the Selectboard Meeting, Howard 2nd; vote was 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes.

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser