

Board of Health Meeting  
Minutes of 6/18/18

All present from Selectboard meeting and meeting opened at 6:30pm.

Board met with Health Agent Jackie Duda. Jackie informed board that she is retiring from her fulltime job as Health Agent in Easthampton on July 19th and will not be available in September and October as she will be traveling to Spain. She will arrange coverage through some of her peers and will give names and phone numbers to the board.

Jackie had concerns about 166 Skyline Trail, the Town owns this house but it is not secured. She suggested padlocking the doors so no one could enter. This could be a liability to the town if someone entered and was injured. She also said that 6 Skyline Trail, Dowsey property was condemned by her a couple of years ago. She had contractors inspect the house for possible receivership but the cost of rehabbing was more than could be recouped. It is currently in Tax Title and at some point, the town may take ownership. There was discussion of options and costs. The lot is about 5 acres and is in a desirable location but not sure if the town would break even if it were taken down and the land sold.

Jackie recommended changes to the price structure of various BOH costs:

1. change the fee from \$30 for installer permit and \$40 for pumping permit to \$50 for both;
2. installation or repair of the whole septic system, raise the inspection fee from \$90 to \$100;
3. witnessing perc tests from \$100 for 2 hours and \$25 for every hour in excess to \$200 for the first 4 hours and \$50 for each hour in excess of that;
4. food permits: currently she does not charge as there are only 2 permits used on a regular basis, COA and Azure Green. She also inspects the food vendors at the fair and there is no charge for that.

After discussion, Dave motioned to raise the fees as the above and not charge for the food permits, Judy 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0.

Jackie said it is not a good idea not to witness the Title 5 inspections, there is not a problem with most inspectors but occasionally an issue arises and on-site inspecting would eliminate that. It also allows the agent to see other issues that may be present that are not reported such as sinks and toilets not located in the house but may be in a garage.

Board determined That the T.S. Did NOT  
Have to Be Witnessed By Agent at this  
Time.

Jackie said the Board can make reasonable regulations and she would be willing to work with the Board on these.

Lastly, she questioned the policy on trailers, trailers are allowed in the housing code but not allowed by the Town's by-laws. Only use allowed is for rehabbing a current residence and there must be evidence of proper disposal and potable drinking water.

The board thanked Jackie for her input and information. Dave motioned to adjourn the BOH meeting, July 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola, Chair

Judith Hoag

Albert Sirard

The image shows three handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The first signature is for David DiNicola, the second for Judith Hoag, and the third for Albert Sirard. The signatures are written over the printed names of the individuals.