

Board of Health Minutes  
December 16, 2013

Meeting opened at 6:40pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk; Mitch Feldmesser  
Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant; Gerry Garner, Building Commissioner (BC);  
Kathy O'Brien, Custodian; Jackie Duda, Health Agent (HA)

BC was asked what would be needed in the Town Hall kitchen as far as he was concerned. He advised a Class 1 fire suppression system would be needed over the stove. It was agreed Kathy and Jackie would meet after the meeting to go over the suggestions Jackie had previously made to the Board.

Board next questioned HA regarding "pot luck" suppers. HA advised they are not a permitted activity if open to the public. They would have to be served from a "permitted" kitchen to have public access to the meal. However, if they are for members only the HA has no control over them. Any liability resulting from a member only supper served in a Town building and the Board would have to check with Town Counsel regarding the Town's liability. HA stated she had previously sent a letter to Azure Green regarding their advertising of pot luck dinners. Howard and Mitch agreed the Board should let the pot luck issue go as Azure Green is in the process of obtaining a permitted kitchen. HA also advised the Senior Center kitchen is a permitted kitchen.

Next item discussed with HA was the Hudson property. HA advised she had previously ordered the outhouse removed after bringing it to the Board rather than addressing it herself due to prior issues with the property. She considered the current request for a variance in the septic system design to be an upgrade to a non-conforming system, prior outhouse. Brad Moir, attorney for the Crean's who are abutters, said he had spoken with Paul Niepupski, DEP, and said this should be treated as new construction and had to meet current Title 5 guidelines. Mickey Spokas, designer of requested system, also spoke and stated the State minimum for a Title 5 system is 300 gallon flow and a 3 bedroom house. This request for a lesser field is within the Board's authority as the current building is not going to be converted to a three bedroom dwelling. There was additional discussion on the subject and it was agreed the Board would contact DEP for further clarification. The Board has 45 days to act on the application and the revised application was received around 11/17/13. The board agreed to continue this discussion at the December 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Kathy Crean questioned why Title 5 was not an issue when the property was sold to the Hudson's a number of years ago. Alan was not sure why there was no inspections. Jackie advised if the outhouse was there at that time, it would have required a Title 5 inspection as a non-conforming system.

Minutes from the previous BOH meeting were approved on a motion by Howard, Alan 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Howard 2<sup>nd</sup> and BOH meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes:

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser