

## **Board of Health Meeting**

**July 16, 2019**

The meeting opened at 7:15 with Ms. Amodei, Ms. Moeller and Mr. Parkin present.

The minutes of the meeting of May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 4 were approved as written.

### **183 High Street**

The Board signed a permit to replace the distribution box.

### **309 Hall Street**

The owner of the property Mr. Luongo and Attorney Duchane at their request came before the Board asking whether they had made a decision on whether to grant a variance in the form of a deed restriction limiting the property to a total of 4 bedrooms combined between the house and the barn. The existing septic system is designed for 4 bedrooms and that design was done to support the house only. The in-law apartment was added later in. The present septic system is now too small to accommodate the additional flow. The deed restriction would limit the property to never be sold as anything but a 4-bedroom home unless the septic system is upgraded to support the additional bedroom. The request was made at a May Board of Health Meeting. Ms. Luongo would like her parents to move into the barn/in-law apartment immediately since the Mom is gravely ill and she would like her to spend her final time in comfort instead of living in the home with the family and staying in one of the children's bedrooms. Mr. Luongo was originally told by the building inspector that if he removed the closet and door frame in one of the bedrooms, it would not count as a bedroom anymore. Our Agent Ms. Braley; also present said that directive from the building inspector does not meet our Title 5 regulations. She also said that many others have conformed to the regulations in town and it is possible that the house and barn could possibly have 6 bedrooms instead of 5 but since there has not been a walkthrough allowed, we just don't know what the count is.

When Ms. Davis; the mother-in-law went to the zoning board of appeals Board in the Fall they did approve the in-law-apt. but they also said that this was not an approval from the Board of Health.

Attorney Duchane asked the Board whether they would consider letting the Mom live in the Barn until she passes or the money can be attained to upgrade the system. Attorney Duchane said there is a special ventilation system in the barn that helps her breath better but since she can't sleep there, she has to wear an oxygen mask while sleeping in the main house.

Ms. Braley stated that the Board cannot make decisions based on financial hardships. The Barn is considered new construction and does not qualify for a deed restriction. Ms. Moeller stated that the Board is not making any kind of a decision because we have not done it before, it just

simply does not qualify. Mr. Luongo asked the Board whether there was anything they could do to please them? Mr. Parkin said “put the system in”

Attorney Duchane asked the Board to please consider to sign a temporary occupancy permit so that the mother-in-law could be comfortable during her final time. The Board took no action.

### Storm Water Management

Town Engineer, Jeff Ryder and Michele Stein, a Town hired consultant, came before the Board to discuss what is expected of them in order to comply with the Storm Water Management Program. Several town departments are also involved. EPA promulgated these regulations in 1999.

Storm water is from rain or melting snow that “runs off” across the land instead of seeping into the ground. This runoff usually flows into the nearest streams, creeks, rivers, lakes or the ocean and can cause pollution in our drinking water. Any town with a population of over 1,000 residents qualifies to have a plan in place. The permittee shall reduce the discharge of pollutants in six minimum control measures.

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Involvement and Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
5. Post Construction Stormwater Management
6. Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention

The program will systematically find and eliminate sources of non-stormwater from system mapping, outfall inventory, outfall testing, and the removal of illegal connections.

Our requirements are to put a list together of any septic systems that are in failure, or systems that are over 30 years old.

Ms. Braley will be able to produce that list for us by the end of August.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm