

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of February 28, 2008
Report covers from February 6 to February 27, 2008
Items requiring Board action are noted with an asterisk ()*

A. Appointments – Informational Only

Brian Healy, RE: 45 Lufkin Point Road, Map 20, Lot 16

Bill Matthews, RE: 177 John Wise Avenue, Map 22, Lot 4

B. Agreement to Connect to Municipal Sanitary Sewer

None

C. Inspection Report Reviews

(1) 177 John Wise Avenue, Chambers, Map 22, Lot 4*

I have reviewed the Title 5 inspection report for this property. This is a microfast I/A system that requires inspections 2X/year. This system had not been inspected since May '07 & was out of compliance. The system was subsequently inspected 2-27-08 & everything appears in order. I agree with the determination of the inspector, Dan Johnson, that the system passed the 2-14-08 Title 5 inspection.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board send a letter to the property owner, agreeing with the determination of the inspector.

D. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations

None

E. Septic System Design Plan Reviews

(1) 40, 46 Choate Street, Guerin, Map 16, Lots 17A & 17B*

I reviewed this submitted design plan for new construction of a 3 bedroom house & noted the following issues that need correction-

1. We need confirmation that the proposed lot lines have been approved & are legal.
2. Remove the notation that the BOH will perform vacuum testing.
3. The plan must show that a system in conformance with Title 5 can be constructed on the property before the alternative infiltrator system is

approved. No permanent structures may be placed on this designated primary & reserve area.

4. Watertight joints for all non leaching lines must be specified.
5. Buoyancy calculations are required for the septic tank.
6. The septic tank inlet & outlet must be a minimum 12" above the estimated seasonal highwater table.
7. The distribution box must have a minimum 0.17" drop from inlet to outlet.
8. Confirm that there is a minimum 15' separation between the edge of the sas to breakout elevation.
9. The retaining wall should have a minimum 10' offset from the sas.
10. Magnetic marking tape must be placed over all system components.

*Recommendation: I recommend this plan **dated 1-21-08** be disapproved for the above reasons.*

F. Building Permit Applications & Occupancy Permits

(1) 45 Lufkin Point Road, Healy, Map 20, Lot 16*

We have received an application for the above property for "interior renovations, including new kitchen & bathroom, bedroom, roof terrace, new cedar siding, windows & doors". A condition of the 1993 DEP variance approval of the on site septic system was "the footprint of the existing dwelling shall not be altered, the square footage of the dwelling shall not be increased, and no additional bedrooms shall be added to the existing dwelling". My review of the existing & proposed house footprint & first floor square footage is fine with me. I am concerned that the second floor bedroom is adding square footage. The existing approximate 13' X 29' foot room is expanding an additional (approximate) 526 feet.

*Recommendation: Because of the increase in square footage, I recommend this application, **dated 2-25 not be endorsed.***

(2) 119 Main St., Woodman, Map 37, Lot 48*

We have received a building permit application for a 16' X 10' shed , "to extend the existing retail shop so that a ice cream shop will go in". Some info has been submitted for the ice cream stand; however the food service application has not yet been submitted & is expected shortly.

*Recommendation: I have no issue with building permit for the shed. I recommend endorsement of this **undated application**, with the notation that it is for placement of the shed only & does not guarantee approval of the proposed use.*

G. Septic System Installations

None

H. Well Water Supply Certificates

None

I. Meetings Attended (for information only)

(1) MHOA DEP Annual Meeting

I attended the annual MHOA/DEP meeting held in Wilmington. Topics this year included *Emergencies Affecting Public Water Supplies, Title 5 Nitrogen Loading Update, Shared Septic Systems, & Private Well Considerations*. I got copies of DEP recommended Private well regs for Board review.

(2) Pandemic Flu Care Delivery Workgroup

I attended this meeting, which centered solely on planning of the 3-28 tabletop exercise.

(3) Monthly NSCA Emergency Preparation Coalition Meeting

I attended this meeting. Discussion was on funding, reevaluation of our principals of operation, and efforts in the state for Public Health Regionalization.

J. Complaints

None

K. Hazards Abated Via Enforcement Orders

None

L. Reportable Diseases

None

M. Other Issues

(1) Tobacco Sales to Minors

We were notified by NE Center for Healthy Communities that no retailers sold tobacco products to minors during a January 26, 2008 compliance check.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

(1) 52 Lufkin Point Rd., Piper, Map 20, Lot 13

We received the lab results for testing of Mr. Piper's well. The samples was taken 1-23-08 & 2-19-08. Both tested negative for Total Coliform. An additional month of sampling & testing is required to comply with the Boards mandate.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

(2) Town Meeting Article *

Town Meeting Articles are due by March 10. Creation of a revolving account to subsidize the Nurses budget has been discussed previously. I have drafted an article for your review.

Recommendation: Review & acceptance/change/denial of the article.

(3) Vacation Leave *

I am submitting a request for the 20 vacation time used from 2-14 to 2-19. This time is additional to the 3 days of allowed bereavement leave.

Recommendation: Approval of the vacation time.

N. Tracking of Housing, Food Service, and Other Miscellaneous Board Issues

(1) Disposal Works Installer's License – Brett Ramsey *

We have received a letter from Brett Ramsey with the request that our requirement that he retake the installer's exam be waived due to the fact that he had a change in office staff. Our renewal notices, sent in late November 2007, stated that "If your application for renewal is not received by January 14, 2008, you will be subject to retaking the installer's examination & a \$100 fee will be assessed". The request letter is dated 2-14-08 & was received 2-19-08.

Recommendation: I recommend Mr. Ramsey be required to retake the exam, as will all other late applicants.

(4) Flu Care at Home Presentation

I gave a *Flu Care at Home* presentation at the Senior Center. Approximately 20 + people were in attendance and appeared to enjoy the presentation. This is something I hope we can start to do more of as a public outreach.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

(5) Lewis' Restaurant *

I was notified by DEP that during a sanitary survey, they recently discovered that the water supply well on Lewis' Restaurant property appears to be within 100' of the pump chamber of their septic system. This well is classified as a public well because it services more than 25 people/day for 60 or more days/year. I checked our files and can find no mention or shown location of the well. To try to find more information, I left a message with Damon Boutchie, who was the operator of

the well. I haven't heard back from him yet. I did get a copy of DEPs drinking water policy, but have not yet studied it.

Recommendation: None at this time. I will keep you updated as I get more information, but I expect this will require Board action in the near future.

(6) Massage/Bodyworks Therapy *

This topic was continued from previous meetings. Still to be discussed/determined is-

Reimbursement for 2008 Practitioner Permits?

Reimbursement for 2008 Establishment Permits?

Revocation of BOH local regulations?

Whether or not to permit state exempted practices

Recommendation: Discussion