

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of April 10, 2008
Report covers from March 27 to April 9, 2008
Items requiring Board action are noted with an asterisk ()*

A. Appointments – Informational Only

Patrick Sanford – RE: Building Permit Application

B. Agreement to Connect to Municipal Sanitary Sewer

None

C. Inspection Report Reviews

None

D. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations

(1) 241 John Wise Ave., Harrington, Map 21, Lot 1

I witnessed soil testing on this property. This is the existing lobster shed on the Ipswich line & the potential owner is proposing an ice cream stand. The well serving the property will be classified as a public water source, so the sewage treatment will likely be a tight tank. The interested buyer and her consultant are working with DEP and will be seeing the Board shortly to be sure to comply with what they need to do.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

E. Septic System Design Plan Reviews

(1) 23 Turtleback Rd., Builder lot 39, Van Wyck, Map 9, Lot 11N *

This plan was originally approved 3-1-05, but expired. A new plan was submitted for re-approval because Title 5 has changed slightly since approval. I have reviewed this resubmitted plan and will recommend approval upon confirmation that the Planning Board approved subdivision plans have been recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

Recommendation: Approval of this plan, dated 12-8-03, with a final revision date of 2-26-08, upon proof of recording.

(2) 21 Turtleback Rd., Builder lot 39, Van Wyck, Map 9, Lot 11O *

This plan was originally approved 3-1-05, but expired. A new plan was submitted for re-approval because Title 5 has changed slightly since approval. I have reviewed this resubmitted plan and will recommend approval upon confirmation that the Planning Board approved subdivision plans have been recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

*Recommendation: Approval of this plan, **dated 12-8-03, with a final revision date of 2-26-08, upon proof of recording.***

(3) 19 Turtleback Rd., Builder lot 41, Van Wyck, Map 9, Lot 11P *

This plan was disapproved 6-1-04 due to lack of legal property lines. A new plan was submitted for approval. Although this plan does meet the technical requirements, other than a missing street address; the lot is designated “not a buildable lot” by the Planning Board. Another issue of concern that I feel should be brought to the attention of the Planning Board is the fact that proposed grading changes for the system pipe which is located in the drainage r. o. w., will interfere with the natural flow of surface water.

Recommendation: I recommend this plan, dated 12-8-03, with a final revision date of 2-26-08, be disapproved because the system does not meet the definition of “new construction” or “on site subsurface sewage disposal system”, as there is no building possible on the property for it to serve.

F. Building Permit Applications & Occupancy Permits

(1) 30 Belcher Street, Cutter, Map 13, Lot 2 *

I have reviewed the submitted building permit application for “replacement of old swimming pool with new steel reinforced 23’ X 48’ gunite pool”. The proposed location of the new pool does not interfere with the existing septic system.

*Recommendation: I recommend endorsement of this submitted application, **dated 4-9-08.***

(2) 2 Pine Ridge Rd., Sanford, Map 5, Lot 1G *

I have reviewed the submitted building permit application to “Build a 36 X 36 4 stall barn”. The proposed location of the new barn does not interfere with the existing septic system. Ann has contacted the owner to notify him that a stabling permit is necessary & we need to know the storage location & disposal method of the manure.

*Recommendation: I recommend endorsement of this submitted application, **dated 4-8-08, upon receipt of the required information.***

G. Septic System Installations

(1) 24 Pond St., Brewer, Map 9, Lot 2C

I inspected a replaced distribution box for this system.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

H. Well Water Supply Certificates

None

I. Meetings Attended (for information only)

(1) Pandemic Flu tabletop exercise

Lynne & I both attended the pandemic flu tabletop exercise held at Cruiseport in Gloucester on 3-28. Additional Essex representation consisted of BOS Selectman Jones, DPW Director Paul Goodwin, Police Chief Silva, Police Officer Paul Francis, Fire Chief Carter, Fire Officer Dan Doucette, and our school nurse, Donna Smith. There were over 100 participants. All four Cape Ann communities participated and had great multidisciplinary representation. Additional to the municipal representation was Addison Gilbert Hospital, and Cape Ann amateur radio operators. Representatives of MA DPH & FEMA were also there. ICS (Incident Command System) was used as was Web EOC, a live time web emergency operations center. This fast paced exercise illustrated the necessary involvement of all disciplines in the event of an emergency and will benefit all the participants (& communities) in the event of any needed emergency response.

J. Complaints

(1) 9 & 11 Southern Ave., Allen, Map 38, Lots 1 & 2

There were 2 complaints on this property. One written complaint to the BOS, on which we were cc'd (copy in your file) and another verbal complaint regarding the accumulation of debris on the property. I inspected, took pictures, and will email them to our Town Counsel & the Court appointed receiver.

Recommendation: Informational only.

K. Hazards Abated Via Enforcement Orders

(1) 27 Forest Ave., Hunt, Map 34, Lot 83

You issued an order on this property regarding trash accumulations that blow into neighbor's property. I heard from the owner that he had made corrections & would continue to make more. I reinspected & found all the windblown debris removed, new covered barrels, much material removed & most all of the rest stacked.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

L. Reportable Diseases

(1) Lyme Disease

We received a positive report of Lyme Disease in a 63 year old male.

Recommendation: None Informational Only

M. Other Issues

(1) ICS 300 Training *

ICS-300 training is being offered in Beverly on May 5, 6, & 12. May 5 & 6 are full day trainings & May 12 is the exam day. This is the final level training I require for emergency response.

Recommendation: Permission to attend this training

(1) Powerpoint Class

I received word that the Powerpoint class I registered for at Salem State College cancelled due to low enrollment. I have not yet received my tuition reimbursement, but will turn it back to the Town as soon as I receive it.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

(2) Independent Living Center Workshop *

The NS/CA Independent Living Center is sponsoring an EP Workshop for people with disabilities in Beverly on 4-15, from 2-3:30 pm. I think this will be useful for our special population EP preparations. I would like to attend.

Recommendation: Permission to attend.

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

(1) New BOH Website

I spent a large portion of last week working on our new website, which went live this week. Lynne added pictures and a PH Nurse link. All that remains to be done is downloads of agendas & minutes, tweaking of any noted areas of improvement, & keeping it current. We posted last night's Cape Ann Flu Care training & BOH meetings are also posted on it. I think it is very informative. Please visit it if you haven't already done so & let me know if there is anything you would like to post!

Recommendation: None. Informational only.