

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 7:36 p.m. Members present for this meeting were: Chairwoman Tracy Carluccio, Tony Berberabe, Les Hamilton, Tim Martin, Ted Peyrek III, Jim Rosso and Vice Chairman David Wang-Iverson. Members absent: Larry Tatsch. Also present: Carolyn Fritsch, BOH Administrative Officer, and Hunterdon County Health Inspector, Daniel Wyckoff.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was advertised as a regularly scheduled meeting in the January 28, 2010 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Township Clerk, posted on the Township bulletin board and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times, on November 12, 2010. The applicant was also notified.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Fritsch announced her last day with East Amwell Township was tentatively set for December 3, 2010. She and her husband were retiring and moving to Florida. Ms. Fritsch said it was her pleasure to have worked with such a wonderful Board. She has enjoyed everyone, and wishes she didn't have to go.

Ms. Carluccio said the Board was lucky to have had Ms. Fritsch, (as Administrative Officer) she has been terrific and they would really miss her. It is a big loss for the Township.

Ms. Fritsch thanked Ms. Carluccio for her kind words.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES - October 19, 2010

Mr. Peyrek motioned to approve the October 19, 2010 minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Rosso, and carried by unanimous vote, with one abstention, Mr. Martin.

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Sue Posselt - Cider Mill Road - Ms. Posselt asked about Ms. Fritsch leaving. Ms. Fritsch responded her husband is retiring and they are moving to Florida.

Mr. Peyrek motioned to close the public comment portion of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Hunterdon County Health Inspector, Daniel Wyckoff

1. OWENS - AKA WOODY'S - B 16, L 11 - 202 OLD YORK ROAD -

Mr. Wyckoff said the report he had was that they were looking into the issue Mr. Tatsch had raised about the Attenuation Table for the former Woody's Service Station. Mr. Wyckoff spoke to the project manager for the remediation, to try to find out why new compounds would appear in the table for 2010. He will have more of a report in December.

B. Preview Committee

Burkert, B 38, L 17.01, 116 Lindbergh Rd., Repair of a malfunctioning system - Proposed Peat system

Mr. Wayne Ingram, Engineer for the applicant, identified himself for the record. He stated they were present at the prior month's meeting, to go over the basic concept of the design of

the proposed peat system. The plans for 116 Lindbergh Road have a most recent revision date of 10/25/2010, but are the same plans reviewed at last month's meeting. The only change made was the revision date because they were re-submitted to the County. All of the NJDEP concerns and comments have been satisfied. The peat system is designed for a three bedroom house, with a pressure to gravity flow system, located in the front yard of the residence. This option was selected after review of multiple designs including traditional mounds and drip irrigation. These other options simply do not fit on the lot in a reasonable fashion. The site is very rocky and wooded.

Ms. Carluccio stated the plan was discussed at the last meeting for informational purposes. The Preview Committee met to review it as well. All the usual conditions that are attached to peat systems will be required for this system. The well is marked on the plan; however the distance from the system is not marked. Mr. Ingram stated the distance from the well to the septic is approximately 240 feet and from the tanks to the well the distance is approximately 220 feet. The 200 foot buffer is shown on the plan. Ms. Carluccio asked Mr. Ingram to darken the notation of the 200 foot buffer on the final plan because it was not very noticeable.

The waivers that need to be acted upon are:

1. The design is based on a 1.61 gpd rate and not the standard 2.08 gpd required by East Amwell Township.
2. There are no passing permeability tests and the Board will need to acknowledge this.
3. The 48 inch zone of disposal cannot be obtained due to rocky sub stratum.

NJDEP mandates annual inspections on peat systems.

NJDEP will be notified one week prior to construction.

The use of an auto dialer is required for the system, and certification of this must be provided to Hunterdon County Department of Health.

Ms. Carluccio had a question regarding the deep monitoring port. Mr. Ingram said they will locate the deep monitoring port within the field where the excavation is the deepest.

Mr. Wang-Iverson asked if there was a certain minimum depth they would be able to achieve across the whole field. Mr. Ingram said based on the soil logs performed, approximately 53 inches on average.

Ms. Carluccio said it is important for the homeowner to be aware of the responsibilities that go along with having a peat system in place.

Conditions (for all peat system in East Amwell Township)

1. A water tightness test according to EPA protocol of the septic tank after installation must be performed;
2. The Peat Biofilter must be covered under a minimum 5 year warranty that is fully transferable;
3. A service contract must be in place that includes inspection of any motors, airflow, effluent and sludge;
4. An annual maintenance contract or specially trained service personnel conduct a visual inspection of the internal components and peat material and maintain the peat filter to insure the system is functioning properly and to optimize treatment performance.
5. On expiration of the maintenance contract a new minimum 5 year contract is required to be renewed – notice of failure to renew the service contract must be directed to the East Amwell Township Board of Health.
6. Provide an annual report to East Amwell Township Board of Health.
7. The purchaser must be provided a copy of NJDEP Guidance prior to the sale of the system by the engineer;

8. The designer/installer must submit proof of training and approval by the manufacturer of the system to East Amwell Township Board of Health;
9. All training materials for the installer to be provided to the East Amwell Township Board of Health;
10. The property owner is to record with the deed of the property a notice that identified the technology and is also to record in the file of East Amwell Township all deed notices;
11. A Peat Biofilter system is to only be used for sanitary sewage;
12. Any future purchaser of the property shall be provided with a copy of NJDEP Guidance and the deed notices;
13. The East Amwell Township Board of Health can take action to require the owner to cease use of the system if all provisions of approval are not followed;
14. East Amwell Township Board of Health can also require the owner to cease use of the system if the annual reporting of the maintenance and service agreement that must be maintained for the life of the system, is not submitted;
15. The owner must comply with all provisions in any ordinance duly adopted by the East Amwell Township Board of Health concerning the use of alternative wastewater technology including fees for Municipal tracking and enforcement;
16. A new requirement is the use of an auto dialer for the system. The manufacturer will install a new panel to incorporate this and provide certification to the Hunterdon County Department of Health;
17. The plans are to state that this is an alteration to correct a malfunctioning system and the granting of the waivers or approval of the Alternative Technology, East Amwell Township and Hunterdon County Department of Health assumes no responsibility for the system and shall be held harmless.

Mr. Wang-Iverson motioned to approve the system with all the requisite monitoring and compliance requirements that East Amwell Board of Health attaches as conditions to all Peat systems, the waiver for lack of a passing permeability test, not achieving the required zone of disposal, as well as a smaller drain field (1.61gpd) than East Amwell Township regulations require. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peyrek, and carried unanimously.

- C. Request for Construction Permit Extension for an Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal System – Bottoni, B 35.01, L 32.02, South Hill Rd.

The request for the permit extension has been made Mr. Bottoni, property owner. The original permit was issued in 2004, and extended by the Board on January 16, 2007. Mr. Bottoni is requesting a second extension, and is trying to sell the property. There is no limit on extensions but if State or Local codes change, they must comply with the new codes. No codes have changed to date. The owner will be notified that if the Code changes between now and the next permit extension request, he will have to comply if they request another extension.

Mr. Hamilton motioned to grant the second two year Construction Permit Extension for the septic system. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

- A. Education and Health Issues
Nothing at this time.

B. Ordinance Committee Discussion

Discussion held with regard to a possible Ordinance change because of recent circumstances with a failed well for an existing home.

A replacement well needs to be drilled. The question is: What are the owners required to do in terms of notification, and what sort of testing must be done? For a replacement well in the Sourland Zone, East Amwell Ordinance requires that a three part pump test be performed under certain conditions and a drilling discharge test under other conditions. The owners have been out of water for a few days, and there are several people living in the home. It would take weeks for interference testing notification and waivers for the three part pump test. During that time the homeowners would be out of water for their home and farm, which would be a crisis situation.

The Board will consider an Ordinance change in January or February because the change would have to be introduced and adopted in the same year.

Regarding replacement wells: Mr. Wang-Iverson said he would argue for keeping the three part pump test and waiving the interference testing which he feels is the hardship. The three part pump test yields a great deal of data regarding what the well can actually produce and is much more reliable than the drilling discharge test.

Mr. Martin suggested the Ordinance as it exists, and the changes to be made, should be circulated to the Board members so they may have a chance to review them.

C. Administrative Officer’s Report

Nothing at this time.

D. 2011 Budget Request

Bd. Health Admin Officer	Keep the same at \$15,100.00
Well inspections	Reduce to \$800.00
Other Expense	Keep the same at \$100.00
General Legal	Keep the same at \$100.00
Education/Training	Keep the same at \$400.00
HC Contractual	Keep the same at \$9,000.00
Hydrogeologist	Keep the same at \$1,000.00
Perc/Soil Logs	Reduce to \$13,000.00

The Board would like to continue the Road Salt testing. One home owner on the list has moved and the Board Secretary should contact the new owner of this property and ask if they would continue the testing. The testing should be in January.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. New Jersey - No comments
- B. East Amwell – Atural (**Natural**) Attenuation Historic Table – Correction in bold
- C. Hunterdon County – No Comments

BILLS OF THE EVENING

Bills of the Evening

A.	Hunterdon County Health Inspections	Temporary Food License Inspections	\$3875.00 (revised bill)
B.	Engineering and Land Planning	Refund unused Witness Fees B 34, L 28, 16 Lindbergh Rd.	\$500.00
C.	Hopewell Valley Eng. Dennis O'Neal	Cullaton Review 4 Boss Rd.	\$207.00
D.	Hopewell Valley Eng. B 14.01, L 22	Soil Witness Fees	\$1180.00

Mr. Hamilton motioned to approve the "Bills of the Evening" seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Hamilton moved to close the public session seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m., seconded by Mr. Peyrek. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Fritsch, Administrative Officer
East Amwell Township Board of Health