

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present for this meeting were the following Board members: Board of Health Chair Tracy Carluccio, Vice Chair David Wang-Iverson, Les Hamilton, Larry Tatsch, Jim Rosso, Pauline Serafin, Charles Van Horn and Christine Rosikiewicz, Board Secretary. Tony Berberabe and Ted Peyrek were absent. Dan Wyckoff, from the Hunterdon County Department of Health, was also present.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was advertised as a regular meeting in the January 26, 2012 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of the meeting was sent to the applicants, filed with the Township Clerk, posted on the Township bulletin board and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times on February 13, 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA REVIEW

The following item was added under New Business:

1. Under Education and Health Issues:

Hunterdon County Division of Public Health LINCS dated 2/16/12: Advisory: Increase in Norovirus Infections Reported in NJ

2. Under Bills of the Evening:

Mrs. Katherine Titus Refund of Unused Witnessing Fees \$500

Mrs. Carluccio welcomed new Board Member Pauline Serafin to the Board of Health, she was appointed to fill the last year of a vacant three year appointment.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES -January 17, 2012

Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the January 17, 2012 meeting minutes; Mr. Wang-Iverson seconded the motion. All were in favor with Pauline Serafin abstaining.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Carluccio opened the meeting to the public.

There being no public present Mr. Wang-Iverson made a motion to close to the public; Mr. Van Horn seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting was closed to the public.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hunterdon County Department of Health - Inspector's Report

1. Owens-AKA Woody's-Block 16, Lot 11

Mr. Wyckoff reported that remediation is ongoing although not progressing as quickly as desired due to financial setbacks in 2011.

2. Letter dated January 24, 2012 from Tadhgh Rainey, Division Manager, Public Health Services re: Recent changes in the delivery system of Hunterdon County Public Health Services

Mr. Wyckoff explained that there will not be any changes in public health services. Mr. Beckley has retired; Tadhgh Rainey will be the manager of the Division of Health Services and will report to George Wagner, who is the Director of Public Safety. Health Services are no longer their own department; it is now a division of the Public Safety department. The retail food program is progressing as usual. The Preparedness Division of the Health Department has been eliminated; emergency preparedness falls under the Public Safety Department. The Medical Reserve Core is still available under the Public Safety Department.

T. Carluccio referred to a discussion at the Freeholder meeting regarding combining departments with Sussex County. A member of the Raritan Board of Health has called to see if she would be interested in meeting with the County if this was to progress and radical changes made; she agreed that she would meet with them if that happens. By State Statute a Health Officer must be employed; currently Hunterdon County is sharing a Health Officer with Sussex County.

B. Preview Committee

1. Robbins, Septic Alteration, B 35.01 L 5, 318 Wertsville Rd.

Mr. Kurt Hoffman, the engineer, approached the dais. He referenced the letter from the County Health Department requesting seven waivers on this alteration application. The home was purchased by Michelle Robbins with a malfunctioning system at inspection.

It was noted that the home's well resides on a neighboring property yet solely feeds this house. The well for the lot to the northeast of the subject property that feeds the dwelling is 87 feet from the new system. The well that serves the neighbor is in excess of 200 ft. from the proposed system on the far side of the building.

Two 1000 gallon septic tanks going into a 1000 gallon pump tank via a 3 inch delivery line that feeds to the septic field at the rear of the property is being proposed. Soil logs 1 & 2 were utilized and pit bails in 1 & 2. The northeast side of the property was favored to avoid the drainage ditch; this is the only location it could be installed.

The design meets State code with the exception of the second waiver but not East Amwell code. A 10mm liner will be installed around the septic field as "extra insurance" to keep effluent from migrating laterally due to a high water table.

There is a wetland feature on the farm behind and to the north of the property and a ditch on the property. Ms. Carluccio requested the "ditch" be labeled a "drainage area" on the drawing.

The Engineer will notice for permit by rule to the DEP and obtain a GP25 permit.

T. Carluccio requested this be added to the plan or in the notes.

The Board reviewed the waivers requested by the County with Mr. Hoffman.

The first waiver is for the setback distance; the system will be ten feet from the property line and not the required 25 foot setback distance. The total slope is within a foot of the property line.

Mr. Hoffman referred to the second waiver requested; the proposed septic tank and pump tanks will only be approximately 55-60 feet from the existing well and not the required 100 foot distance. Mr. Hoffman indicated that 100 ft. would be impossible and explained the location of the tanks is due to the rear of the property being wetter than the area closer to the house. This location would make infiltration of the tanks less likely and will be in the best interest of the function of the system. Mr. Wang-Iverson inquired if there was a reason two tanks were being used. Mr. Hoffman replied that sometimes people do not realize they have a two part tank and only pump one part; with two separate tanks it is more likely both tanks would be pumped and it is theoretically a better system. The extra cost for two tanks verses one was estimated at \$500 to \$1000.

Ms. Carluccio inquired about the distance from the well to the tank; Mr. Hoffman will indicate this on the plans. The first tank is ten feet from the house and there is about 65ft. from the well to tank.

Waiver #3 is for the 2.08 sf/gpd which is required by East Amwell Township. This is due to the size and restrictions of the property.

Waiver #4 is for a 3:1 toe of slope and not the minimum requirement of 5:1.

Waiver #5 is for only 2 soil logs conducted on the property and not the required 4 soil logs when pit bail tests were done.

Ms. Carluccio inquired if the mound would be visible to the home next door; Mr. Hoffman said it would not be due to a hedge row.

Ms. Carluccio inquired about the location of wells to the southwest and northeast. Mr. Hoffman indicated that there are two dwellings to the southwest with wells on Lindbergh Road; the distance to both wells is greater than 200ft. Notes will be included on the well distances on the plans.

Mr. Hoffman explained that the soil logs in Waiver #5 were not done as there is no room on the property for a reserve. (It was noted that reserves are not required for alterations.) Tracy Carluccio indicated that a soil log is needed whether or not there is a reserve. Mr. Hoffman inquired regarding the minimum distance from one soil log to another. Mr. Carluccio said that soil can change within ten to twenty feet which is the reason the tests are required.

Regarding waiver #6 Mr. Hoffman detailed that the design is based on the static water level of 48 inches in separation.

Waiver #7 is for the system to be only 100 ft. from the existing well and not 200 feet; this is due to the limitations of the lot.

Ms. Carluccio requested for more information about the GP25 wetlands. Mr. Hoffman explained that at the eastern most rear corner of the property the water from the drainage area enters into a farm field and this where the wetland area starts. This field is not farmed or mowed. Mr. Hoffman will send in photographs of the site for the GP25 permit. Ms. Carluccio asked if Mr. Hoffman could use shading on the plans to indicate where the wetlands are located.

Mr. Hamilton inquired about the location of the well on a neighbor's property. Ms. Carluccio explained that many years ago the properties were one property but when the church was build it was divided and a new well was drilled for the church.

Ms. Carluccio explained that the Board can waive these items as this is an alteration on a malfunctioning system and the proposed system will be an improvement on what is currently in place. Conditions of a GP25 permit issued and notification of permit by rule related to the flood hazard rule must be met.

Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the septic alteration application the waivers including seven waivers requested in the County letter and providing the conditions are met and an updated drawing is submitted. These items will be communicated in a letter to the applicant, engineer and County. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

2. Murphy, Septic Alteration, Block 40.02, Lot 5.01, 19 Saddle Shop Rd.

Mr. Doug Fine, the applicant's engineer, approached the dais. He explained that this application is for an alteration for an existing system that is malfunctioning and breaking out to ground surface. A previous repair was done in 1998. There were five lateral trenches that were replaced with one trench with plastic infiltrators and chambers. Mr. Fine provided an explanation to the Board on how the infiltrators work. It was noted that the property has a high water table. The location of the infiltrators was discussed. The advantage to using them is that it eliminates the need for gravel. The infiltrators will be left in place and abandoned although whatever is encountered while installing the new system will be removed. Ms. Carluccio requested "existing system to be abandoned" to be indicated on the plans. It was noted that the infiltrators were not degrading.

Mr. Fine explained that soil logs were attempted towards the rear of the property where the wetlands are located as the current system is in the front of the house. Soil Log 1 & 2 in the rear of the home did not exhibit any permeability. There is no place on the property to put the system beyond 200 feet of the well as required in the mountain district. It was also determined after the application was submitted that the property

line was thirty feet further back than originally believed which is the reason there aren't any soil logs for that portion of the property.

Soil logs 4&5 were located between the house and the disposal field; there was very shallow machine refusal.

The Board referred to the letter from the County. There is a typo in the first waiver request; the toe of the mound is 16 ft from the front property line, not ten feet as stated in the letter. The engineer will shift it back from the right of way if possible and provide the actual distance on the as built. The actual bed is 30ft; the slope is 5:1.

Mr. Fine read the second waiver request on the letter, which has a typographical error and should read as follows:

"The proposed disposal bed will be only 150 feet from the existing well and not the required 200 foot East Amwell Township set back requirement in the mountain district. The system will still be over the state minimum requirement of 100 feet."

Mr. Wang Iverson inquired if the bed could be made more rectangular; it can. He asked if another soil log could be done in that area; Mr. Fine will complete another soil log at the time of construction to verify. Mr. Tatsch commented on how remarkable the difference is between soil logs 3 & 4. The additional soil log will be done in the general area of the proposed bed. The results and location of the soil log will be added to the as built plan.

T. Carluccio indicated that on sheet 9 #24 of the application 100ft needs to be changed to 200ft. The right of way will also need to be shown on the plan. Ms. Carluccio inquired about the location of neighboring wells. Mr. Fine explained where they are located; none are located within 200ft of the proposed system.

T. Carluccio indicated that there are three waivers. The following are conditions of approval:

A soil test will be completed to the east of the proposed bed. If possible the shape of the bed will be changed from a square to a more rectangular shape to provide more distance from the road and well. This will be shown on the as built.

The letter from the County will be corrected to indicate the toe of the mound is 16 feet from the front property. The second waiver should read 150 feet instead of 110 feet.

On sheet 9 of the plan #24 should read "200 feet" and the right of way should be shown.

Mr. Wang-Iverson moved to approve the system including the conditions and waivers as discussed. Mr. Tatsch seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Education and Health Issues

A. Board Secretary's Report

Ms. Rosikiewicz is putting together a packet to give to new Board members. She has copies of the East Amwell Township Board of Health Legislation and N.J.A.C. 7:9A if any Board member needs one. She provided the Board with information about septic systems provided by the County. There is an East Amwell Board of Health requirements booklet; she will update it and provide the members with copies of it.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. New Jersey

1. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection: Proposed Amendments to the FFY2011 Priority System, Intended Use Plan, and Project Priority List – February 2, 2012

Mr. Hamilton commented favorably on this item.

BILLS OF THE EVENING

A. County of Hunterdon	Health Inspection Billing	\$2200
B. Michele Robbins	Unused Witnessing Fees B 35.01 L 5	\$360
C. Dr. Maxian	Rabies Clinic	\$300
D. Pamela Dymek	Rabies Clinic	\$130
E. Mary Hyland	Rabies Clinic	\$60
F. Terri Stahl	Rabies Clinic	\$60
G. Christine Rosikiewicz	Rabies Clinic	\$60
H. Ferriero Engineering, Inc.	Soil Witnessing B 9 L 10	\$690.44

Mr. Tatsch made a motion to approve the bills of the evening with the exception of item B: refund to Michelle Robbins for unused witnessing fees. This bill will be held until the as built for the system is received. Mr. Van Horn seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, reported that she just attended the Freeholder’s meeting being held this evening. She reported that the County Health Department change was a “short term situation”. Tadhgh Rainey is three credits short of certification therefore the Sussex officer is mentoring him. This situation is a “patch” rather than a “shift in policy”. Ms. Gavigan said that inspections or interactions with the County will not be impacted by any changes taking place at the County.

Being no further comments from the public Mr. Tatsch moved to close the public session, seconded by Ms. Serafin, and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tatsch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Van Horn, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Rosikiewicz
Board of Health Secretary