

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES, February 7, 2008

PRESENT: David Merry, Erik Lowe, Tim Barnett. Agent John Powers and Asst. Hadden Blair.
Guests Richard Andre and John Gadowski.

WELLS APPROVED: K. Malcom Jones 36-2.1

DWAs APPROVED: Michael Baumarin 12-33, Jacqueline Morgan 15-72.1

DWAs HELD: Gerald Ferry 7-142 (pending @ con com)

DWAs PLAN REVIEW: Richard Dubin 1-33 (sent to con com)

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS FILED: Eileen Wilson 32-77

7:30 John Gadowski and Richard Andre appeared before the Board to discuss an ongoing problem of Mr. Gadowski's chickens going onto a neighbor's property and damaging the lawn. Agent Powers gave the Board some background about the numerous calls he had received, the times he had been out and seen the free-range chickens and roosters, and Mr. Gadowski's first attempt at a remedy by moving a hen house back well off the property line. After discussion, Mr. Andre's proposal to move the chickens to his property by the end of the summer was deemed inadequate because of the time span. The Town bylaw clearly states that animals must be kept on ones own property. Therefore, Mr. Gadowski was told that the only two viable options are to fence the chickens or slaughter them. It was left to Mr. Gadowski to decide and for the Agent to follow up.

The Board then discussed an affordable housing plan before the Planning Board for Map 10 Lot 199.8. While the plan was incomplete by BOH standards (not showing neighbors wells or an actual proposed system), the Board was concerned by a few things. First, they would prefer to see the parcel subdivided for the three buildings. Lacking that, a specific road/well/septic system maintenance agreement defining who takes care of and pays for what must be formulated and attached to the deeds. Finally, the Board needs to see the topography (not provided on the plan) of the parcel.

LANDFILL/REFUSE DISTRICT: The Agent discussed the proposed BOH budget and his meeting With Fin Com. Also, the Agent read a letter from the Selectmen asking the BOH to participate in the discussion of joining all 6 island towns into a single refuse district for potential savings.

EMERGENCY MANAGENMENT: The Agent told the Board of the recent meeting of 12 MRCs That voted to allocate grant monies evenly, and that a new MVMRC coordinator was in Place.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: DEP sent a letter saying it may not pay for Tier 3 Beach water testing. The Agent read a letter from the State concerning the Harris 7-143 rooster complaint saying That it does not fall under the MA DEP noise ordinance. VNS would like to meet with the Board to discuss ideas (no hourly increase for 2008). Tim Barnett talked about the seminar of Oakson Inc.on drip septic systems. He thought they and other new technologies should be recommended to local engineers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hadden Blair