

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES July 25th, 2019 5:00

PRESENT: Tim Barnett, Jessica Miller, Erik Lowe and Omar Johnson

INVITED AND IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. & Mrs. Sundry Smith

WELLS Approved: Cottrell 15-1

Wells Not Approved:

DWA PLAN REVIEW APPROVED:
Cottrell 15-1

DWA PLAN REVIEW NOT APPROVED:
Cottrell 15-1 (Revision): Board requesting specs (type and depth) on the water line piping that will cross underneath the driveway and connect to the line leading to the proposed two bedroom dwelling.

DWA APPROVED:

DWA NOT APPROVED:
Johnson 15-26.121 was not reviewed due to the need to conduct a site visit by the Health Agent. The site visit will be conducted prior to the next Board meeting.

ADDITIONS APPROVED:
Desrosiers 3-9.11

ADDITIONS NOT APPROVED:

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS FILED:
Moody & Bassett 16-146 (Main House)
Moody & Bassett 16-146 Guest cabin

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS NOT FILED:

LANDFILL/REFUSE DISTRICT:

BEACHES/EM/MDPH: Health Agent Johnson discussed the bathing beach closings for Seth's Pond. The Board was informed that the beach is now open due to meeting the State requirements for the level being at or under 33 CPU's. It was also agreed that the pond, going forward should remain closed if the levels continue to fluctuate above acceptable levels (see Old/New Business below).

Health Agent Johnson shared with the Board a clinical advisory from DPH regarding Cyclospora. The Board was informed that

ANIMAL REVIEW FORM:

PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL APPLICATIONS:

PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED:

Red Farm Trust (Harry Lasker & Abigail Houser) 12-40.3

TRAILER PERMITS:

TRAILER PERMITS NOT APPROVED:

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

. Mr. & Mrs. Smith, concerned, long-time users of Seth's pond requested and were invited to the Board meeting to address their concerns regarding the pond. The Smiths visit was not only to share their concerns about the contamination and lengthy closings, but also to see what was being done to rectify the problem and to offer suggestions on improving the quality of the water for health reasons. The Smiths asked if the BOH knew whether the reasons for the high levels of contamination were due to run-off. The BOH members and the Agent explained that they were uncertain of the cause (s) of the contamination and could not confirm what the root source(s) of the problem. The Smiths asked if it was possible that water samples could be collected from a drain (catchment area) located near the beaches edge on Lambert's Cove Road to confirm whether high levels of contaminants were entering from the street. The Smiths reasoning for this approach is to determine whether contaminated drain water coming from the street could be diverted away from the beach area thereby lowering the contamination levels. The Smiths also inquired as to whether the BOH monitored conditions of septic systems around the pond. The Health Agent explained how pump-out permits were used to identify systems that were experiencing hydraulic failure but that it was very difficult to identify the working condition of each and every system bordering the pond. The Smiths also asked if it was possible to have testing done, they mentioned DNA specifically, to identify the source or origin of the enterococci (contaminant), whether it was from humans, fowl or even dogs. The BOH was not aware of whether or not this could be done but the Health Agent will inquire and determine if it is possible, whether it is economically feasible. One Board member discussed whether it would be helpful to have a porta-potty

situated at the beach area. Also discussed was adding a dye to the septic tanks, which the BOH did not feel would be an effective approach to identifying faulty septic systems.

PERMITS APPROVED:

PERMITS NOT APPROVED

TIME IS RESERVED FOR TOPICS THAT THE CHAIR DID NOT REASONABLE ANTICIPATE:

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED

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Minutes Approved: 7/11/2019

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8/8/19

