

TOWN OF HEATH

BOARD OF HEATH

Minutes

August 21, 2017

PRESENT: Betsy Kovacs, Chairperson, Susan Gruen, Henry Godek

ABSENT: Armand Clavette , Tucker Jenkins

Also present: Glen Ayers, Health Agent, Cheryl Woodard, owner of 3 Ledges Road , Richard Thayer, occupant of 3 Ledges Road

Meeting was called to order at 10:35am

AGENDA: Number 3 Ledges Road

1. Discussion regarding #3 Ledges Road, sole owner Cheryl Woodard
2. Betsy Kovacs, Chairperson explained Glen Ayers' position as the Town of Heath's Health Agent who will present the issues regarding the property.
3. Title V Inspection done in 2001 by Tom Leue. System failed at that time. Woodard stated that she has had no issues with her system, no leaks only two back-ups related to too much toilet paper being used. She is not sure when the tank was last pumped, but thought that Greg's Sanitary Disposal Company did it in 2005. At present four people reside in the home. Two will leave soon.
4. House obtains water from a cistern. Water was tested many years ago. Woodard said she was advised to clean the system with bleach which she does annually. It was known to have had a low bacteria colony count.
5. Oil was found on the property in 2001 during a perc test.
6. Ayers discussed concerns regarding failed system and that the owner had up to two years to rectify. This was never done.
7. Woodard states she attempted to apply for grants but was denied.
8. Ayers said at present there is no funding for a repair from the Housing Authority. There might be such funds in the coming year.
9. Ayers said that a Title V Septic inspection needs to be performed as soon as possible. This will include a review of the outlet and "D" box. Woodard says she does not have the funds to have the work performed. Ayers said if the septic

system is shallow enough, it could be dug by hand. Thayer and Woodard agreed they will do the digging for an inspection to be performed.

10. If Title 5 inspection fails again they will need a perc test.
11. Ayers said that regular septic tank pumping needs to be done. Woodard said the tank was pumped by Greg's Waste Management in 2005-6. Ayers said it is overdue for pumping which should be done at the same time as the Title V inspection.
12. All agreed that Tuesday, August 29th, Ayers will do a Title V inspection. Woodard will contact either Bostley or Greg's to pump the system. Woodard can't afford the pumping but will try to get a payment plan.
13. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES: Woodard doesn't have info on boundaries. Kovacs suggested that she contact the office of Deeds in Greenfield. BOH could also clarify if we have the property boundaries of the Fournier property on #5 Ledges road and Clark's property on West Main Street. The Assessors might also have data on the boundaries.
14. BROWNFIELDS: Discussion on Possibility of Phase 1 and phase #2. Kovacs will discuss with Selectmen at their September 6th meeting. Ms. Woodard agrees to have this done at no cost to her, if Selectmen approve.
15. Rehab of house: Ms. Woodard knows she needs a new roof, bathroom foundation, and the chimney is over 17 years old. There is a question regarding insulation of the home. The home is totally heated with wood. They state they have a working fire alarm and Carbon Monoxide detector.
16. Housing Authority would need to eval the home and see if it was worth rehabbing. A priority list of improvements would be made, as well as clarifying any code violations. Ms. Woodard understood the process. Depending on the source of the funds, it is possible that all systems would have to be brought up to Code.
17. When inspection being performed, owners were instructed to have their five dogs inside the home. The issue of non- licensed un-immunized dogs was brought up. Woodard states the dogs are not due for immunization for a while and that she brings them to Vermont for vaccines due to cost. We advised her to contact Hilma Sumner to clarify because a kennel was not allowed in the center of town. Kovacs advised that for the safety of everyone in town, her dogs need to be vaccinated and licensed. Ms. Woodard responded with a negative response regarding her dogs being un-licensed stating that they are old and will die soon anyway.
18. Woodard and Thayer were instructed to contact Ayers to confirm pumping date, August 26th at 10:30am.

19. BOH members voted to have Ayers inspect the #3 Ledges Road Septic System as Town of Heath Board of Health Agent.

Other Business:

20. Kovacs has identified candidates for the BOH clerk and she will interview them today. She will distribute the job description for review by Board members.
21. BOH payment for inspection was discussed and tabled. Ayers will check with Phoebe Walker and let BoH members know if appropriate to pay the fee.
22. Gruen will contact Tim Lively to see if the town can have its system pumped the same day as the #3.
23. Kovacs will notify all BoH members about the Title V inspection being performed on August 29. A BoH meeting will be held at that time.
24. Next regularly-scheduled BOH meeting Sept.6th 2017 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am

Respectfully submitted

Susan M. Gruen , note taker