

**TOWN OF HEATH
BOARD OF HEALTH**
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2017

PRESENT: Armand Clavette, Henry Godek, Susan Gruen, Tucker Jenkins

ALSO present: Glen Ayers, FRCOG Health Agent; Melissa Durrin, BOH Clerk, Cheryl Woodard, owner #3 Ledges

Chairing: Betsy Kovacs

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

1. Review of **Agenda** – accepted.
2. M/S/C; **Minutes** of October 4, 2017 meeting accepted with one amendment.
3. **Chairperson Report:** Betsy asked board for Melissa’s expenses to be covered if she can attend Tick Symposium and MAHB training. Motion approved.
4. **Health Agent Update:** Glen reported he has drafted an amendment to allow owner occupied, off grid homes in the hill towns as a means to lessen carbon footprint. Must meet basic septic and water regulations. Wendell has already done so. He urged support by BoH and adoption by Heath as new bylaws. Housing Code: 4.10.450 and 4.10.710 state that BoH MAY permit, not MUST permit.
5. **Board of Health Clerk update:** Melissa awaiting Margo to show her how to process and find short term rental applications and certifications, inventory of unregistered vehicles, inventory of temporary occupancy dwellings and permits.
6. **Budget Review:** Melissa read reports regarding BoH budget and a copy was placed in BoH Budget folder.

Old Business:

1. **Nurse’s report:** Susan read Nurse’s monthly report. See attached.
2. **#3 Ledges:** Owner reported to Betsy that she had been hounding the housing authority. Cheryl reports that she will hear back from them in two weeks and that her application from years ago was still active in the system. She had help filling out paperwork there and reports that she currently has no home owner’s insurance due to missed payments. She informed us of improvements needing to be made such as cement under bathroom, new roof, electric line from house to barn and of course, septic. Board members asked her to keep in touch and come again in person to Dec BoH meeting. Housing Authority person with whom owner is working: Jennifer Morrow; 413-863-9781. jmorrow@fchra.org.

3. **42 Papoose:** Perc test passed. Mr. Perrault took out interior plumbing but has a failed system. To have a tight tank, owner has to prove that a septic system will not work on the property. Glen stated that zoning comes into play here. Glen suggested creating a written policy with Planning Board to create consistency with respect to “grandfathering” permits. Susan made a motion to write policy for pre-existing, non-conforming lots. Glen to start drafting.
4. **5-7 Apache:** Water was tested. Glen to review system in person to consider providing final approval. Paperwork was not completed and filed by former BoH.
5. **280 8AN:** postponed discussion to next meeting. Glen and Armand to look at the property to report back to next BoH meeting.
6. **140 8AN:** Susan reports that dumpster is still there as there are no funds available to remove it. Susan will call Sheila Litchfield to find out if there is town money to have it removed.
7. **8 Swamp Road:** Owner is meeting with ZBA first week of December to ask for a variance to permit three trailers on his property. If not approved, BoH will require removal down to one trailer.
8. **128 Taylor Brook:** Armand reports owner has left for Florida. Armand asked Melissa to write a letter to the owner stating that we need proof of waste removal and also, if he wishes to obtain another porta potty permit, he needs to apply and send \$25.
9. **16 Waterfall Drive/160 Colrain Stage Rd:** Glen looked that morning but reports he will call. There is allegedly a person renting a trailer and occupying it year-round.
10. **38 Bray Road:** Susan checked last week, nine cars and some trailers there and seems to be getting worse. Glen will follow up by meeting with owners in person.
11. **123 8AN:** Tucker reports someone is living there. The niece came to speak with Hilma as apparently the house was sold with less acreage than should have, no title 5 inspection. Tucker to run license plate.
12. **Apache Drive Bickett:** No report.
13. **85 Branch Hill Rd:** Betsy to research.
14. **Animal control officer:** Tucker reports he will speak to select board about conditions for possibly taking the position. Susan reported she will check with Sheila as well regarding Rowe ACO availability or Heath.
15. **Update on #5 and #9 Ledges:** Susan reports it has been 11 months with no progress on demolition. We need to find out about asbestos on shingles. Armand will call Sheila Litchfield to get further information.
16. **Town properties septic cleaning:** Matt Lively to speak with Select Board to get approval for remedies. Henry to call Melissa.

New Business:

1. Glen reports he had written to **36 Navaho** and received a response that there is no septic system and the listing has been removed.
2. No septic system at 24 Shawnee Drive - anyone recall what we discussed and what is at issue?
3. 166A Colrain Stage Road: anyone recall this issue?
4. Proposed moratorium on marijuana legislation/zoning and BoH regs for Heath: BoH to consider issues at next BoH meeting. FRCOG Phoebe Walker recommends having a moratorium so Town can fully discuss issues before voting on zoning regs. Planning Board proposed a moratorium for one year as it would give time to evaluate and put zoning in place. BoH members support the moratorium.
5. BoH approved extending no smoking regulations to include all types of smoking. Regs to be reviewed for language and approved at next BoH meeting.
6. Tick testing subsidies: for discussion at December Board meeting following CSPH meeting.

Next BoH meeting: **December 6, 2017.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by Melissa Durrin, BoH Clerk