Town of Heath - Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2019

PRESENT: Betsy Kovacs- Chair, John Palmer, Henry Godek
ALSO PRESENT: Andrea Crete – FRCOG Health Director, Mary Sumner- BoH Clerk
ABSENT: Susan Gruen, Armand Clavette

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Reviewed Agenda: Added updates on 5 Ledges, 3 Ledges, 15 Ledges, 38 Bray Road and DEP Town Hall Building complaint.

Public Hearing for Well Regulations opened at 4:02 pm. No one was present for the hearing. M/S/C to close hearing at 4:08pm as no one appeared.

Well Regulations: The Board of Health members voted unanimously to adopt the revised well regulations.

5 Ledges: Andrea noted that Susan had asked her to follow up on rodent extermination prior to demolition. Andrea had contacted Building Inspector who noted rodent control is not a normal requirement on a demo permit; Andrea suggested BoH consider adding BoH sign-off to demo permits. Mary has reviewed the AC contract and hasn't found rodent control listed; she will contact the company to ask for details.

3 Ledges: Betsy spoke with Brian McHugh at Housing Authority. Perc will be scheduled soon.

38 Bray: Betsy reported she received a complaint noting concern that the trash is again not being disposed of: that the trailer widows are full of what appear to be trash bags and there are trash bags and loose trash in the yard. BoH asked Andrea to follow up.

Complaint about house and animal welfare: Andrea reviewed the details concerning a rental on 8A. At this point the family is trying to work with occupants to move out of the residence. Andrea gave contact information for services that can provide help to family. At this point Andrea recommends waiting for family to consider options. Andrea will continue to stay in contact with family.

15 Ledges: Andrea viewed the property from the road. Reviewed last correspondence with property owner. Discussion of issues: the remaining debris is a minor violation and is away from the road, mostly wood, no food or garbage. BoH has a right to pursue getting final clean up done. Andrea recommended not pursuing.

Complaint to DEP about Town Hall: Andrea reviewed the building and visited the basement. There is standing water there and a musty smell, some mold on the boxes in the basement; no mold or mold smell was noticed in the building itself. As for septage and sewage smell, the septic tank and leach field are located across the common behind the Community Hall; any ‘sewage smell’ is more than likely from
the wet land located right behind the Town Hall. No sewage smell was noted anywhere in the Town Hall that day. Andrea will draft a reply to DEP and Mary will mail.

1 Rowe Road Local Upgrade Approval: Reviewed the application and request. Discussion. M/S/C to approve the LUA for reduction from 4 feet to 2.5 feet with a new septic tank and Presby field.

Next meeting is June 12 at 4:00pm

Adjourned at 4:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sumner, BoH Clerk