

**Town of Heath - Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2019**

PRESENT: Betsy Kovacs - Chair, Armand Clavette, Henry Godek,

ABSENT: Susan Gruen, John Palmer

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Sumner- BoH Clerk

Meeting was **called to order** at 4:25 pm. (Due to road work and electrical pole work a quorum was not able to be present until 4:25pm)

Reviewed agenda: Reviewed the timing of meeting as property owners are coming; due to late start will pass over items that can wait until next meeting

Passed over reviewing **minutes**.

4:28 pm Herbert and Louise Wright joined the meeting to discuss their property at **434 Route 8A**: Reviewed letter they received from Building Inspector noting they need to either repair or demolish house as it is unsafe in its current condition. Owners noted they removed the part of the porch that was falling in and that has made structure safer. After seeing the inside of the house, they cannot decide if they want to renovate or demolish. They would like some time to make that decision. Reviewed that the property is across the street from the house they live in, electricity turned off, they keep an eye on the place. M/S/C to postpone making a final decision on the property until May 2020 to allow the Wrights time to plan for either a demo or renovation.

The Wrights left the meeting at 4:41 pm

Chairman's Report: Betsy gave a brief update on EEE. Discussed with Betsy being away over the next few weeks Heath needs designated contact person; M/S/C to appoint Shelia Litchfield as a Special Agent for the BoH during the EEE Critical Risk Period; Shelia's appointment will end with the first hard frost. Discussed sending a letter to Town residents and posters.

Clerk report: Passed over.

Budget: noted all is in order.

Nurses report. Passed over

Discussed **3 Ledges Road**: reviewed the sanitation report and discussed findings. Based on the sanitation, electrical and plumbing reports, and the unfixed septic system a motion was made for the Board to authorize Betsy and Mary to take the next steps in the condemnation process. Motion passed.

Robert Conner joined the meeting at 5:05pm to discuss **7 Flagg Hill Road Extension**. Mary noted Mr. Conner's phone call asking for help determining what needs to be cleaned from his property. Discussion of issues; discussed visiting site. It was determined that Mr. Conner could meet with representatives from BoH on Saturday September 21, at 10:00 am; John Palmer and Armand Clavette will go.

Mr. Conner left the meeting at 5:20 pm.

New Business: reviewed the owners of **233 Route 8A** request for a variance on the number of unregistered vehicles allowed on their property. Discussed safety concerns; reviewed information provided by owner. M/S/C to allow a variance for 3 years. Mary will draft a letter for Betsy and Board to review.

At 5:28 Cheryl Woodard and Richard Thayer joined the meeting. Reviewed the latest reports; owners noted that many of the issues were present in the house before they became the owners of the property. Cheryl and Richard expressed concern over why they were never dealt with with previous owners. Richard wanted to review septic system and questioned why it failed. He had made a 2 foot by 3 foot model of what he believes their septic system looks like and explained why he feels the tank is good and does not need replacing. Reviewed the September 20, 2017 septic failure report and Betsy's letter from that time period (gave Cheryl a copy of those letters) reviewed the extension the BoH granted on septic repair till today. Discussion.

As none of the BoH members are experts on septic systems, Betsy will contact FRCOG to see if there are other options for fixing the septic system and to try to answer Richard's questions.

Cheryl and Richard left the meeting at 6:34pm

Brief discussion of information and questions that were presented by Cheryl and Richard. Board will continue with both perusing condemnation and answer owners' concerns/questions.

Betsy will look into granting another extension.

93 Bassett Road: Reviewed that building permit for an addition adding a bathroom was issued and that a Board of Health sign off and septic plan should have been required, but it fell through the cracks somehow. Betsy has worked with the property owner and Nichole at FRCOG to get a design and an engineer for the septic system changes. Board of Health reviewed design; M/S/C to approve design as presented.

Mary gave an update on the **trash complaints at 4 Apache Drive and 21 Westbrook Drive**. Jenny Hamilton reported that both are being worked on.

Mary noted the septic at **4 Deer Run** was fixed and the property has been sold.

Next BoH meeting was set for October 2, 2019 at 5:30pm. (This is a week earlier than usual due to several conflicts in BoH members schedules.)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 pm

Submitted by Mary Sumner, BoH Clerk