

MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
September 3rd, 2013
Regular Meeting

The Norton Board of Health held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the 1st Floor Conference Room of Town Hall. The following members were present: Chairman Steven Corr, P.E., Vice-Chairman Robert B. Medeiros, Clerk Diane Battistello and Health Agent Leon J. Dumont. Visitors: From BETA - Robert Baglini Jr. PE., Senior Project Manager and Joseph Federico, P.E., Vice President

Call to order:

Mr. Corr called the September, 2013 Board of Health meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Beta Group:

Mr. Robert Baglini Jr. and Joseph Federico addressed the Board with the requested information on the Woodland Green Condo failed septic system. Agent Dumont indicated that the plan overall was acceptable but there are still issues for resolution. The condo association will be required to submit, in writing, a certification that:

- 1.) There are no garbage disposals in any of the units
- 2.) There are no extra bedrooms in any of the units. Two bedrooms is the limit.

Mr. Federico requested a copy of that certification from Agent Dumont.

In a general discussion of the project, Mr. Baglini, Jr., noted he saw no sump pumps in any of the units he visited and the water use records for the condo units are in the normal range. In addition, he added the break out at the trenches was produced by excessive inflow to the system due to leaks in the sewers. He indicated that currently there is no evidence of break out.

Mr. Corr noted the As-Built plans were not correct. Mr. Baglini indicated that they may have been done before the final grading. Mr. Baglini noted that the current proposal includes a new pump chamber and two pumps for alternating dosing, single phase electricity, and the addition on a valve put at the surface. Mr. Corr was uncomfortable with the two pump design and suggested that a third pump was needed. Agent Dumont agreed that a third pump should be provided. Mr. Corr indicated that the Board would require a maintenance contract for the system that would include yearly pumping and flushing of the leaching field, and monthly cleaning of the effluent filters, quarterly inspection of the pumping system including inspection of the leaching field. Mr. Corr and Agent Dumont also questioned Beta on the issue of filter cleaning and suggested that Beta investigate changes to the effluent filter setup.

Discussion continued and Mr. Federico noted that the pump station is very deep and that a grinder pump system would have been preferred to gravity.

Mr. Baglini noted the system will be built with observation portholes for inspections and the system will be vented towards the woods. The laterals are being designed with have a spacing between the of 2 ½ feet between effluent ports.

Mr. Corr requested that the system designer be present for inspection during the entire installation of the leaching system and also be present for inspection at critical points of construction of the pump station and piping. Mr. Corr also requested that Beta include restriction on construction after rain events. Agent Dumont requested 1 ½” stone under the chambers. When a contractor is selected, the contractor must have Board approved plans at the job site and can pick up the plans from Agent Dumont.

Agent Dumont will review any changes to the plans so that BETA will not need to come before the Board again.

Conditions agreed to during the discussion:

1. Trenches Certification of two bedroom limit by condo association
2. Spare Pump as part of the contract.
3. Continuous inspection of the leaching field
4. Monthly cleaning of the effluent tee filters
5. O&M Agreement signed by the condo association prior to receiving approval of the system
6. Maintenance manual will be required.

Motion by Mr. Medeiros to accept the plan with modifications discussed. Ms. Battistello seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 – 0, Approved

Old Business:

Revised BOH Regulations:

Agent Dumont presented the Board members with a personal copy of the amended regulations. Public meeting will be announced for November and the regulations will be approved.

There is one amendment to be made regarding the tobacco regulations and the addition of a regulation amendment for the use of electronic cigarettes. Agent Dumont suggested this regulation match the state’s regulation

417 Old Colony Road – Agent Dumont has no new information regarding a date for the lawsuit. The case date is at the mercy of the court.

New Business:

Next BOH meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 2013 was selected for the next Board meeting.

Health Agent Monthly Report from August, 2013: The Board reviewed the monthly report from Health Agent Dumont.

Assistant Health Agent Monthly Report from August, 2013: The Board reviewed the monthly report from Assistant Agent Drayton.

Nurse's Monthly Report from August, 2013: The Board reviewed the monthly report from Nurse Palmer.

Inspector of Animals Report from August, 2013: The Board did not receive a report this month Inspector Plante.

Vote to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Medeiros at 8:00. Ms. Battistello seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0, Approved.

Steven H. Corr, E.E., Chairman

Robert B. Medeiros, Vice-Chairman

Diane Battistello, Clerk