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MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING May 5, 2014 Regular Meeting

The Norton Board of Health held a regular meeting on Monday, May 5, 2014, at 6:30 PM in the 2nd floor conference room. The following members were present: Chairman Steven Corr, Vice-Chairman Robert B. Medeiros, Clerk Diane Battistello, and Health Agent Christian Zahner. Visitors: Mr. Richard and Mrs. Deborah Kiely

Call to order: Mr. Corr called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

27 Shelly Road:

Mr. and Mrs. Kiely brought a longstanding complaint regarding water at the end of their driveway. Mr. Corr suggested it may be a Department of Public Works street issue. Mr. Kiely suggested that Mr. Sera, 29 Shelly Road, had a dry well installed causing gray water to flow into the well. Agent Zahner explained that he knows the house was inspected, the water flow was observed, and no illegal actions were observed or uncovered. The water tests the Kiely's had performed were normal, no fecal coli-form was found. Mr. Corr explained that he did not see signs of septic system failure and suggested the Kiely's have the water tested again for fecal coliform and for detergent in the waters. Previous tests were done: the dye tests came up negative and the washing machine was observed and water was going to the septic system. Mr. Corr suggested there is a perched water table due to a glacial till, causing water to move horizontally off the lot and into the street.

Minutes:

Ms. Battistello moved to approve the April 2014 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Medeiros seconded the motion. Mr. Corr abstained. Vote 2 - 0, 1 abstention

Consent agenda:

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Health and are enacted by an automatic motion with an automatic second. If discussion is desired, that item is removed for the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

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Old Business:

417 Old Colony Road

The new court date was today, May 5, in Taunton, but we have not heard if the hearing occurred.

377 Old Colony Road

The facility will be closed. The cost of a new septic system would be too expensive. The owner will work with the State to begin the process of closing the facility and transferring patients to a new home. We have no date as to the closing.

Woodland Green

The Board received a package of information on ongoing repair. The Board has received two weekly reports and a summary with pictures of construction to date. Mr. Corr asked the status an O&M contract with a contractor for two years. Agent Zahner has spoken with the engineer in charge and was told that a signed O&M will be provided to the Board prior to final inspection.

New Business:

Next Meeting: June 2, 2014

Health Agent Monthly Report from April 2014: The Board reviewed the monthly report from Health Agent Zahner and Agent Dumont.

Assistant Health Agent Monthly Report from April 2014: The Board reviewed the monthly report from Assistant Agent Drayton.

Nurse's Monthly Report from April 2014: The Board reviewed the monthly report from Nurse Palmer.

Inspector of Animals Report from April 2014: The Board reviewed a monthly report from the animal inspector Plante.

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Septic Plan Review:

The Board discussed how the process of septic plan review evolves with the new agent. The Board will vote on systems with variance requests.

56 Mansfield Ave, New System – 4 bedroom house

1 Maggi Lane, Repair with 1ft. variance requested and a variance for a sieve analysis.

Mr. Medeiros motioned to approve variance and the sieve analysis and Ms. Battistello seconded the motion Vote 3-0 Approved.

12 North Worcester, New System – 3 bedrooms.

The health agent will recommend that a clean out be used with a 90 degree bend.

Informational:

Addressing a request from the Housing Authority, Mr. Zahner, Mr. Dumont, and Mr. Corr walked the senior housing property on 120 West Main Street. It was determined that the leaching system is not in failure, however, the sewer system is a problem and there is surface water infiltration into the sewer system that could lead to failure of the leaching system in the future. It was recommended that the Housing Authority connect the development to the treatment plant at the Middle School with a provision that the sewer system be upgraded. Andrea Downey, Executive Director of the Norton Housing Authority met with Agent Zahner and discussed the need to develop an upgrade plan.

Motion to Adjourn:

Mr. Medeiros motioned to adjourn at 8:42pm. Ms. Battistello seconded the motion.

Vote 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

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