

Hubbardston Board of Health
June 26, 2012
Minutes

Meeting came to order at 7:06pm.

Complaint:

Martha Holgerson, 12 Ragged Hill Road. Complaint 15 Ragged Hill Road—outdoor wood burning boiler—people are always stopping to see if her house was on fire. Saturday evening was running. Never a problem with/#15 is the problem—Thomas King.

Predominately northwest winds—low stack. Mike Sahagian across the street—no problem. Second generation can run all year according to state regulations—but first generation you can't. I'm afraid of repercussions—(why?) He has made comments. He burns fresh green pine. Across the street is a person battling cancer. Around 7 both AM and PM. (978) 928-3349. Been there since 1955.

Tom said he would have Lucinda send out a letter enclosing the state regulations, and to take it from there.

Appointments:

Jennifer Crespo regarding selling animals from home. Ms. Crespo did not attend the meeting.

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Approved with the following corrections:

1. Page 1, last paragraph: “After reviewing correspondence with Matt Hopkinson...”
“Matt should respond”
2. Page 2, third paragraph: solid waste
3. Page 3, second paragraph: Should read has by their own admission (not “allegeable”)
add hedge hogs, snakes, and scorpions

Tom noted inspection needed on Lions Club hot dog stand for this Saturday. Randy agreed to do, and noted that a small box fan is useful for keeping flies out.

Septic Issues:

Navajo Avenue: Randy spoke with Title V inspector—pump chamber and septic tank could be replaced instead of replacing whole system (soil absorption system—SAS). System is overloaded because it's pumping ground water—too much water going into system. Discussion followed on reasons for septic system failures and the fact that they can fail for no apparent reason—there is a reason, but may not be evident.

Vouchers:

None

Permits:

None

New Business:

Hayden outlined the inspections at PJ's Diner, Calico and Creme, and the Pizza Palace. All passed except the Pizza Palace. Hayden will sit down with them and go over the items to be corrected.

Rural housing monies: \$8,000 missing—no answer yet.

Other new business: letter from DCR, Jeff Lacey—duly noted.

Mail:

MHOA—official Roster 2012

Wastewater Testing Result regarding North Andover Rosa Trust Breezy Hill?

Briarwood testing: no action needed. We have no jurisdiction anyway.

Follow-up: Jennifer Crespo—sent registered mail. Asked to come to meeting. There are BOH issues—Animal Control, HPD, MSPCA. All we're asking for is a permit and inspection. When Lucinda comes back we will set up an inspection and notify them.

Newly elected Selectman Chris Norcross came by to visit the Board.

Tom asked Chris whether we should have put a line item in for testing of water for landfill—state used to pay for it.

Chris said we could do a reserve fund transfer, for which we have to go to the FinCom, which then sends it to the Board of Selectman, after which Brian and Town Counsel review it for correct language, and it goes on the warrant for a Special Town Meeting in November. Randy noted that DCR owns the land.

Tom noted that we had been trying to get out of testing, but DCR lost all our records, won't take paper records, and demanded electronic data.

You can't get out of mowing because you're not allowed to have growth on the cap.

You may be able to eventually end testing after so many years of negative results.

Discussion of Lyme Disease followed. Tom asked that it be on the agenda for next meeting.

Randy motioned to table the discussion of Lyme Disease until the next meeting; Hayden seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.