

**Hubbardston Board of Health  
January 13, 2015  
Minutes  
Library Basement**

Board of Health meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Hubbardston Library Conference Room located in the Library Basement.

Present:       Tomas Larson, Chariman  
                  Steve Mossey, Member  
                  Lucinda Oates, Member  
                  Toni Walker, Admin. Assistant  
Absent:        Hayden Duggan, Member, Randy Mizereck, Vice Chairman  
Guests:        Anita Scheipers, Town Administrator

**First order of Business, Abandoned Housing Initiative:**

Anita Scheipers, Town Administrator, came before the Board to discuss the Abandoned Housing Initiative. Mrs. Scheipers had come to the Board of Health's December 9, 2014 meeting to give information about the program and ask the Board to discuss and vote on whether they think it is a good program for our Town to be involved with since the Board of Health needs to be on board for this program to work. At the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board tabled this discussion until they could gather more information from surrounding towns about this program. Board member Lucinda Oates did not find anything negative out when she reached out to find out more information. Chairman Tom Larson spoke to Leominster and they found the program to be beneficial. Mrs. Scheipers does have a list of houses for us to consider for this program. Vin Ritchie did go look at a log cabin which was on the list and found that from his assessment this log cabin would be a good candidate for this program. Local assessments of the property need to be done before the properties are given to the State to look at. Mrs. Scheipers said that if the Board approves this list that we need to discuss who will be on the initial assessment team. Mrs. Scheipers stated that along with herself and Larry Brandt from the Building Department, a representative would need to go from the Board of Health. Mrs. Scheipers and Chairman Larson suggested that the Board of Health clerk go with the team to take pictures of the property and take notes to bring back to the Board at their next meeting and have the Board determine what the next step would be. Mrs. Oates was concerned about the safety of the clerk going onto the property into houses that may not be safe to do so. Mrs. Scheipers said that the Building Inspector would be there and would determine if the property was safe to walk in and through.

**Motion: Lucinda Oates**

**Second: Steve Mossey**

**Motion made to approve the Abandoned Housing Initiative and that Toni Walker would be the representative of the Board of Health for the first local inspections. All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Recycling Center:**

Bella Kaldera had a bronze statue come in to the Recycling Center. Mrs. Kaldera brought the statue in to the BOH and the clerk took pictures of it and showed them to the Board and Mrs. Scheipers at tonight's meeting. Mrs. Scheipers and the Board thought that the statue should be brought to the office to be appraised so that the board can make an informed decision as to what to do with it.

**Motion: Steve Mossey**

**Second: Lucinda Oates**

**Motion made to have statue brought to office and then given to Mrs. Scheipers to get appraised. All in favor, motion carries.**

**Local Upgrade Approval for 5 West Comet Pond Road:**

Graz Engineering is asking for local upgrade for ground water from 4 feet to 3 feet. Matt Hopkinson did not write it on the plans that it was ok for LUA so Chairman Larson asked the clerk to call Mr. Hopkinson to see if he felt this LUA was good with what they were proposing. Mr. Hopkinson said that the plan was good and he approves.

**Motion: Steve Mossey**

**Second: Tom Larson**

**Motion made to grant the Local Upgrade Approval and accept the offset. All in favor, motion carries.**

**56 Pitcherville Road:**

A Title 5 was done for 56 Pitcherville Road by Corey Wilson. The property was built in the 1960's and there are no septic plans on file. Mr. Wilson said the system passed and there is a water test attached which passes as well. The septic and well are 75' feet apart and the owner would like a provisional letter stating that the distance from septic to well is sufficient.

**Motion: Steve Mossey**

**Second: Lucinda Oates**

**The Board agreed to to allow for the distance of the well and septic at 75'. The Board also highly recommends that the owner's should get their water testing done periodically since the well and septic are not 100'apart which will be put in the letter as well.**

**Landfill Update:**

Chairman Larson and Town Administrator Anita Scheipers went to Worcester to meet with Jim McQuade at DEP. Chairman Larson brought DEP up to date regarding the changes in the office and how Sandra Knipe was working with DEP to allow for the skips in testing. Time had lapsed and testing was missed. Chairman Larson said we are now trying to get everything back on track and have consistently tested over the past couple of years. Mrs. Scheipers also told Mr. McQuade that the budget for next year is already established to allow for one skip. Mr. McQuade asked why we did that. Chairman Larson stated that we were given the verbal by Mike Penney that we would be approved for the skip. Mr. McQuade stated that regulations had changed and now we need to keep testing for at least 3 more years. Mr. McQuade stated that they had only 9 testing results. After Chairman Larson left the meeting he asked that the clerk look into what we have for testing in the office and send it to Mr. McQuade. There were an additional 15 tests which the clerk found and were sent off to DEP. Chairman Larson

doesn't think the additional testing results that were sent will make a difference in allowing for a skip. Chairman Larson stated that he would continue to work at reducing testing.

**Motion: Steve Mossey**

**Second: Lucinda Oates**

**Motion made to accept minutes of December 9, 2014 as written. All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Title 5's:**

All Title 5's were reviewed 28 New Templeton Road, 15 Elm Street and 43 Underwood Rd.

**Permits:**

Permits signed for Stone Bold, Inc., Wind River Environmental, Tina Dixson, Westfield Farm, Hubbardston Pizza Palace, Simpson Excavating.

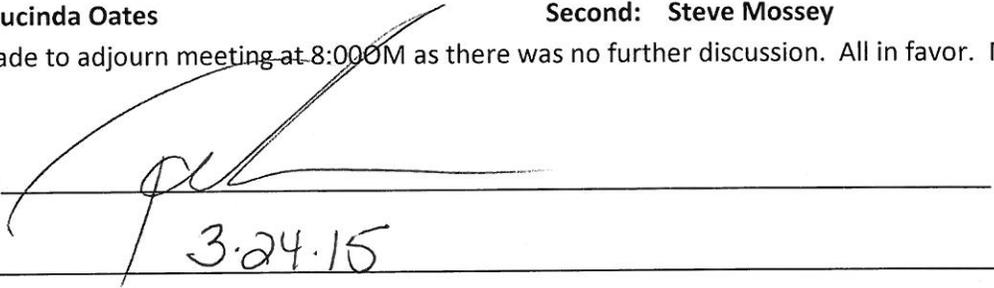
**Motion: Lucinda Oates**

**Second: Steve Mossey**

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:00AM as there was no further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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