

## HAMILTON BOARD OF HEALTH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015

**Present:** Board of Health members: Lindle Willnow, Susan Wilfahrt, Health Agent Leslie Whelan. Resident Gretel Clark and HW Chronicle editor Tim McCarthy also present.

**Meeting Opened:** Lindle Willnow called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at Hamilton Senior Center

### **Dan Johnson – Variance 65 Railroad Ave Septic System Plan**

Discussion ensued amongst Board of Health, Health Agent Leslie Whelan and Septic System Designer Dan Johnson about law office for 65 Railroad Avenue where there is currently a cesspool. The soils in area are sand and gravel and groundwater is 6' to 7' deep. The new system accommodates the square footage of the office building with new septic tank and Presby system so leaching area can be decreased as much as 40%. The system will be gravity fed, will have a built-in 2' reduction to groundwater table, and be kept below grade so there will not be any runoff issues. An impervious barrier will be used in leaching area.

Johnson is seeking the following variances:

1. Reduce offset from proposed leaching field to property line to closest point from 10' to 5'
2. Reduce the offset from the proposed leaching area to foundation wall from 8' to closest point at 75 Railroad Avenue
3. Reduce offset from septic tank to foundation wall 10' to 3'
4. Reduce offset from septic tank to property line 10' to 4'
5. Reduce offset to the proposed leaching field to the abutters leaching field which is Title 5 variance from one field to the other, 10' to 8'.

The public hearing was held since request for variance within 10' to property line and Title 5 variance. The system meets Title 5 requirement for the building. Discussion addressed possibility of existing cesspool being in groundwater and property owner's interest in upgrading the septic system as part of selling building. Willnow moved to accept five variance requests for Local Upgrade Approval. Susan Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

**Discussion – TB Regulations Update**

Whelan and Public Health Nurse Chris Lee will be meeting once a month to ensure schools are following TB regulations.

**Discussion – Styrofoam and Plastic Bags Update**

Discussion ensued about Town Clerk reporting that Attorney General's office has said Town of Hamilton will hear by end of July that the by-law on Styrofoam and plastic bags has been accepted by AG. When this occurs the Board of Health will notify retail establishments about enactment date.

**Discussion – Mosquito Control Update**

Whelan reported that there is now the ability for towns to use own employees (if they take an exam and there is oversight from a pesticide applicator) to put larvacide in catch basins. DPW uses contractor to clean catch basins. Discussion addressed if Town should remain in Mosquito Control District and how there are new diseases being carried farther north by mosquitoes, and that spraying is not an effective solution. Larvaciding occurs after the catch basins are cleaned. MCD does provide larvaciding, capital improvements and surveillance. Also noted was that in late summer and fall residents should wear protection against mosquitoes.

**Review Minutes Dated April 29, 2015**

Willnow moved to approve amended minutes. Wilfahrt seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Willnow moved at 7:51 p.m. to adjourn. Wilfahrt seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Board's next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 24 at the Senior Center.

**ATTEST:**

cc: Selectmen, Planning Board, Town Clerk, Conservation