

HAMILTON BOARD OF HEALTH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2010

Members Present: Lindle Willnow, Karen Zagorski, Susan Wilfahrt and Administrative Assistant Nancy Stevens.

Meeting Opened: 7:35 p.m. at Hamilton Town Hall

Peter Britton – 466 Highland Street – Application regarding two proposed wells

Discussion continued with Peter Britton of 466 Highland Street on his application to Board of Health for permit approval to install two wells on his 100-acre farm property.

Britton would like wells to generate 10 to 15-gallons per minute of water flow solely for use with his portable green house for potable water on his farm to irrigate, provide drinking water for workers and wash vegetables.

Compliance with BOH regulations includes locating wells 100' from any septic system's leaching field and 25' from all streets and property lines.

Britton had researched the deed for his Brick Ends Farm property to clarify that a right of way referred to, as Cross Street, is no longer defined as a street located at the property line between the 466 Highland Street property and abutting Canterbrook Farms. Cross Street is not found on the Assessors' map. He brought paperwork outlining this to Health Agent Leslie Whelan prior to tonight's Board meeting.

Britton is interested in locating the wells near the Asbury Street end of the Brick Ends Farm property close to but not in a former right of way where half of this easement is owned by Canterbrook Farms. The easement is thought to be 20' wide.

The location where Britton wants to situate one of the new wells is 12' to 15' feet from the easement in a space at the end of his stonewall to prevent the wellhead from becoming an obstacle, especially to vehicles.

Also discussed with Britton was potential impact of this well location on a proposed senior housing development being discussed by Canterbrook Farms. The Planning Board has to grant a special permit for the senior housing development. A current proposal from Canterbrook Farms does not anticipate the 100' requirement from a

leaching field to the proposed well location on Britton's property since the well is a newly introduced idea by Britton.

A formal application for special permit has not been filed by Canterbrook Farms so Britton said they could rethink their site plan design and work around his well location (when the well permit is granted by Board of Health). He briefly discussed with the Board of Health an architect's preliminary design he had done with a different configuration for development of the Canterbrook Farms site.

Lindle Willnow said it appears Britton had addressed the Board's concerns about the well permit application discussed at last month's meeting but he wanted Whelan's blessing before the Board takes action. The Board of Health tabled its decision on the application until the next Board meeting.

Discussion – Seagull infestation problem in area of Cutler School on Asbury Street

Resident Claudia Ross of Ricker Circle had emailed the Board of Health about hundreds of seagulls at the Cutler School site on Asbury Street and impact on her nearby neighborhood. Apparently there are many more of these birds in the area. There could be a potential health concern at the school property due to increased amount of bird droppings.

Discussion was on what could be attracting the large number of seagulls to the area. Board discussed possibility of organic waste at Brick Ends Farm due to new recycling program.

Willnow asked Administrative Assistant Nancy Stevens to investigate by calling Brick Ends Farm, Canterbrook Farms and Pingree School to determine if they are also seeing an increase in the number of seagulls in the area.

This situation is difficult for the Board of Health to enforce unless health cases with children getting sick at the school are reported related to the gull waste and a known cause is determined as to what is attracting the birds (i.e., open dumpster at elementary school).

Stevens will follow up with the resident and principal at Cutler School. The Board will take no specific action at this time until it has more information on the situation.

Review – Board of Health Minutes dated 10/19/10

Willnow moved that the Board approve the October 19, 2010 minutes as amended. Karen Zagorski seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Other business

Discussion was on Roberta Cody, restaurant inspector for the Board, increasing the number of inspections at Asbury Grove's coffee shop facility to more than just during the summer. This was in response to a letter of complaint the Board received about lack of cleanliness when site was rented for a wedding this fall.

Caterers are supposed to notify Board of Health when they are hired for functions at the site. Cody has recommended the Asbury Grove Camp Meeting Corporation hire someone to clean the restaurant facility.

Discussion on need for better notification by Landfill Committee to Board of Health about upcoming meetings to ensure Board member attends or is kept up-to-date on status of landfill closing requirements and proposed development discussions.

Meeting Adjourned:

Willnow moved at 8:45 p.m. to adjourn. Susan Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

cc: Selectmen, Planning Board, Town Clerk, Conservation