

HAMILTON BOARD OF HEALTH

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011

Members Present: Lindle Willnow, Susan Wilfahrt and Health Agent Leslie Whelan. Administrative Assistant Nancy Stevens also present.

Meeting Opened: 7:33 p.m. at Hamilton Town Hall

Kim Paskalis – Public Health Nurse Introduction

Kim Paskalis is the new public health nurse for Hamilton's Board of Health. She has experience as a pandemic nurse for the state, has worked as a public health nurse in Gloucester and with the Cape Ann Emergency Planning team.

In Hamilton, she will do surveillance investigation and prevention of communicable diseases, immunization of preventable diseases and collaborate with other area public health and school nurses.

Paskalis will be involved in emergency planning for pandemics at the local level. She'll work with volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corps and help in the process of providing shelter for displaced families after an emergency.

In response to Lindle Willnow, Paskalis agreed to twice annually provide the Board with a status report on her public health work in Hamilton.

Discussion – Tobacco Grant

Health Agent Leslie Whelan said if 15 communities collaborate under one tobacco grant then money would be available to conduct compliance checks at Hamilton retail establishments related to the sale of tobacco to minors. This would be done through the North Shore Tobacco Control Program.

Willnow moved that the Town of Hamilton join the North Shore Tobacco Control Program. Susan Wilfahrt seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Review – Board of Health Minutes dated 1/4/11

Willnow moved that the Board approve the minutes as amended. Wilfahrt seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

2010 Annual Report

Board amended 2010 Annual Report.

Acknowledgement of Conflict of Interest training requirement summary form for Town Clerk

Willnow and Wilfahrt signed acknowledgement of Conflict of Interest training requirement summary forms that will be delivered to Town Clerk Jane Wetson. Board member Karen Zagorski still needs to sign a copy of the form for Wetson.

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

Discussion continued on Peter Britton's application for permit approval to install two wells on his 100-acre farm property at 466 Highland Street. Intent of wells is to generate 10 to 15-gallons per minute of water flow solely for use with portable green house for potable water to irrigate and provide drinking water for workers and wash vegetables.

Whelan had conferred with Town Counsel Donna Brewer on this application. It was determined that according to local Board of Health regulations, the setback requirement from the proposed septic system location for the Canterbrook Farm senior housing project and potable wells on Britton's Brick Ends Farm property would have to be 100'. This setback distance requirement would also apply to any manure piles or stables in the vicinity of the proposed well sites.

After discussing the regulation with Board members, the health agent and abutters, as well as reviewing a revised development plan provided at the meeting by Canterbrook Farms property owner Jerry Dawson and his attorney Frank Tavares, Britton said he would specify in his well permit application that the wells would only be used for irrigation purposes.

Whelan noted that there was nothing in the regulations regarding irrigation wells and distance to manure piles. The regulations address potable wells being 25' from a street not a property line.

Willnow specified that the meeting minutes would reflect Britton's removal of the reference to drinking water in his well permit application changing the intended use to strictly irrigation versus potable wells.

Whelan said according to Title 5, the setback requirement from a septic system to irrigation well is 25'. Willnow said the only condition for Britton's 466 Highland Street well permit is that the wells would be located a minimum of 25' from the existing or proposed location of the septic system at Canterbrook Farms.

Willnow moved that the Board approve the two applications for irrigation wells at 466 Highland Street as amended. Wilfahrt seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Other business

Stevens updated Board about seagull infestation problem. There have been no issues reported at either Cutler Elementary School or Pingree School.

Meeting Adjourned:

Willnow moved at 9:15 p.m. to adjourn. Wilfahrt seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

cc: Selectmen, Planning Board, Town Clerk, Conservation