

HAMILTON BOARD OF HEALTH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

Members Present: Lindle Willnow, Karen Zagorski, Health Agent Leslie Whelan and Administrative Assistant Nancy Stevens.

Meeting Opened: 7:36 p.m. at Hamilton Town Hall

Variance Approval – Vaclac Talacko, Hancock Engineering (30 Crescent Road)

Lindle Willnow moved the Board grant the variances requested as indicated on the septic system plan for 30 Crescent Road:

<u>Structure</u>	<u>Required Distance (ft)</u>	<u>Provided distance (ft)</u>
Pump Chamber to property line	10	3.8
Leaching field to property line	10	7.0
Leaching field to crawl space	20	7.8
Leaching field to garage slab	10	7.8

Karen Zagorski seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Discussion – BOS Meeting 11/23

Willnow will attend the Selectmen’s meeting on either November 23 or 30th in regard to flu vaccine distribution.

Discussion – H1N1/Seasonal Flu Update

The Board of Health is holding an H1N1 flu clinic at the old Hamilton public library on Thursday, November 19 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Laurie McKechnie will be the nurse on site overseeing the clinic. Three volunteers are scheduled to come and administer the vaccine.

The Board posted a notice on the Town’s website in regard to the availability of the 100 doses of the H1N1 flu vaccine. It was initially offered to pregnant women but the Board did not get a response so the offering was changed to include:

- Immediate household contacts of pregnant women in their third trimester;
- Immediate household contacts of children under 6 months of age;

- All children 6 months to 9 years of age;
- Healthcare personnel with direct patient contact.

Board of Health Administrative Assistant Nancy Stevens said the information about the Hamilton and Wenham residents eligible for the vaccine was changed on the website and emailed to municipal employees in Hamilton and Wenham with a note suggesting they spread the word. The flu clinic date was not included in the postings to control the response. Respondents were told when the clinic would occur on Thursday, November 19. The Board received a response from 82 people.

Discussion on offering the remaining 18 doses to the police and fire personnel but there is likely more people than that. A distribution ratio for Hamilton and Wenham might apply in this case.

Health Agent Leslie Whelan is attending a meeting tomorrow with Wenham personnel to discuss the vaccine topic.

After the existing doses are administered, the Board expects to receive another 200 doses over a two-week period. These doses will be available for a flu clinic scheduled at the multi-purpose room at the Miles River Middle School after school on Wednesday, December 3. Nurses are willing and available to help.

There are approximately 150 students per grade. School-aged children (9 and under) are supposed to receive a second shot and parents will be responsible for finding a resource to accomplish that other than the Town of Hamilton. Connect Ed messages can be sent to households of children in certain age groups, fourth grade and under. Pre-registration would be done via phone calls to the health department to control the number to be vaccinated since there are limited doses.

Discussion was on 300 seasonal flu mist doses available for Town employees (possibly Town board and committee members) and teachers. This is used for a demographic aged 2 to 49.

Stevens will follow up with DPW Administrative Assistant Allison Jenkins to understand how information about a flu clinic can be sent via email rather than take phone calls. Willnow said the Virtual Town Hall software that drives the Town's website has this capability. He offered to speak to Recreation Director Melissa Roy who has been using this for registrations. Information on the clinic will be posted via an all Town Hall distribution list. Potentially 150 people could participate in the clinic that would be held in the school library.

Stevens is communicating with Partners Healthcare. Apparently the agency is having difficulty finding seasonal flu vaccine.

Willnow referred to information he has received via a bi-weekly webinar sponsored by AllOne Health. The statistics are saying when people have flu like systems now; it probably is H1N1 although testing is not being done for it.

Whelan has been told that people should get the H1N1 shot even if they already had the flu. Willnow said if a person gets a fever over 102 degrees then it is likely this person has the flu.

The health department has parental consent forms. Whelan forwarded the influenza-like illness reporting forms to the school nurse but has not received any back. She'll ask the schools to keep track of H1N1 flu cases in the schools and report it to the health department weekly. Hand sanitizers are installed in the schools.

Discussion – Hamilton Water Quality (Sanitary Survey NON) Response to DEP

The article passed at Special Town Meeting includes the replacement of the filter media at the water treatment plant. Preliminary plans should be available in December, bids will go out in February with a projected completion in May. The new filters won't require the use of so much chlorine.

Willnow suggested the Board get a monthly update from DPW Director John Tomasz. Willnow will check with his company to make sure there is no potential for conflict of interest since some of his colleagues have been approaching Tomasz about work.

Review and Approval BOH Minutes – 10/28/09

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

2 White Road Septic System Design follow up

Septic Engineer Dan Johnson redesigned system to meet the 5' offset to groundwater since the original structure at the site is going to be torn down and a new foundation constructed.

Brick Ends Farm odor complaint

There has been an odor reported from Brick Ends Farm via a telephone call and DPW worker. Farm owner Peter Britton called about this a week earlier.

Review – Septic System Design (585 Essex Street)

A lengthy discussion on the need for one neighbor to move his water line in the vicinity of 585 Essex Street to accommodate a new septic system from an abutting neighbor. The local upgrade approval request includes exchanging a 5' groundwater offset to 4' and use of a vent. DPW Director John Tomasz had written a letter saying there was a stop in the street for the waterline main.

Whelan will ask Dan Johnson about what can be done to solve the problem. Also, the DPW will be consulted to see if arrangements had been made for Mr. Tucker to get water service.

Review – Septic System Design (74 Blueberry Lane)

A discussion on the local upgrade approval request to change the 4' groundwater offset to 3'. Whelan will ask about the system design since the grade appears to be going back toward the house and it appears the 4' separation could be maintained, also questioned will be if the 4' separation can't be achieved and 3' offset is used, can the leaching area be increased by 30%.

Meeting Adjourned:

Willnow moved at 9:20 p.m. to adjourn. Zagorski seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday, December 15.

ATTEST:

cc: Selectmen
Town Clerk

Planning Board
Conservation