

Halifax Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 04, 2020

On Wednesday, a meeting of the Halifax Board of Health was held at the Halifax Town hall.

Present at the meeting were:

Alan J. Dias – Chairman, Board of Health
John L. Weber – Co-Chairman, Board of Health
Steven MacFaun – Clerk, Board of Health
Cathleen Drinan – Health Agent, Board of Health
Peggy Selter – Administrative Assistant, Board of Health

The Board of Health meeting opened at 6:30p.m

1. Disposal Works Permits:

- a. 582 Monponsett Street:
 - i. Revisions not submitted. Carry-over to next meeting.
- b. 77 Clyde O’Bosworth Road:
 - i. Revisions not submitted. Carry-over to next meeting.
- c. **Ratify Agents Approval:**
 - i. 539 Plymouth Street: Board Approved

A Motion was made to Ratify Agent’s Approval.

Motion: Alan Dias
Second: Steven MacFaun
Unanimous vote on the motion

2. Bring to Boards Attention:

- a. As-Built: Enforce as-built to be same as proposed policy when submitted to BOH?
 - i. The Board discussed the 1.07: Septic Installation and 1.08: As-Built Drawings and Certificates of Compliance:
 - a. 1.07 – Septic Installations – (3):
 - i. All As-Built plans will be on site on the day of the final inspection. The installer is expected to be at the site at the time of the final inspection for signing the As-Built and assisting the agent. Please have five gallons of water available to test the flow from the “D” box.
 - b. 1.08 – As-Built Drawings and Certificates of Compliance – (1):
 - i. The As-Built plan will be considered as part of the Certificate of Compliance and will include all data as shown on proposed plan and all As-Built data.

(As-Built must include all information listed on the proposed plan.)

1. The Board agreed the Town of Halifax Board of Health Supplementary Rules and Regulations to the State Environmental Code: Title V, 310 CMR 15.00: 1.07, Septic Installations, (3) and 1.08, As-Built Drawings and Certificates of Compliance (1) shall be enforced beginning immediately.
- b. Public Nursing Contract:
 - i. Agent updated the Board that the Halifax Public Nursing Company sent letter announcing they will not be contracting any visiting nurse services in the future. After the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.
 - ii. Agent also informed Board she has been in contact with an individual private nurse for pricing to do the wellness clinics.
- c. 49 & 51 Lake Street:
 - i. Board of Health has received no communication from the owners of 49 Lake Street.
- d. 257A Wood Street:
 - i. Board of Health has received no communication from the owners of 257A Wood Street.
 - ii. The Administrative Assistant informed the Board of the clerical error of the 265 Wood Street address listed on the
- e. 416-434 Plymouth Street: Update. – Board was informed that the system failed Title V Inspection.
- f. Discussion on how to respond to possible security threats. – Agent updated the Board she spoke with Police Chief Chaves and he is interested in having his department providing a security threat training.

3. Discussion Items:

- a. Abandoned/Tax Foreclosure Properties. Richard Kaiser in attendance.
 - i. Mr. Kaiser updated the Board on his idea to purchase abandoned/tax foreclosed/condemned properties, build or restore the houses and use them to house homeless veterans, women in need domestic violence against women, etc...
 1. The Board commented that Mr. Kaiser would need to go through the tax title process and also contact Charlie Seelig, Executive Administrator, Selectmen's Office. The project doesn't really involve the Board of Health.
 2. The Health Agent suggested two (2) group names she could give to Mr. Kaiser that might be of help to him in his endeavor and the Board suggested he might want to contact Habitat for Humanity.

- b. 10 Kestrel Lane: Questions on septic system.
 - i. Health Agent update Board that owner came in to let the office know that his system failed a title v inspection he recently had done. Dbox needs to be replaced and leaching area failed.
 - ii. Agent informed Board she spoke with owner and told him she would ask Board if the reserve area could be used.
 - 1. The Board agreed reserve area can be used. Owner will need to submit a sketch/design of the new dbox and chambers from an engineer and the engineer needs to inspect the new system components and chambers.
- c. 48 Plymouth Street: Update.
 - i. Agent updated Board on new owner of property and repairs being made to the building.
- d. 553 Monponsett Street: Covenant Case? – This is a DEP approved system.
- e. Title V Supplemental Rules and Regulations:
 - i. Board review of the Supplemental Rules and Regulations.
 - 1. 2’ Separation – Remove? – Board agreed “2’ separation” clause should be removed from the Board of Health Title V Supplemental Rules and Regulations.
 - 2. Vent Required – Add? – Board agreed “Hardwire Alarm required” should be added to the Board of Health Title V Supplemental Rules and Regulations.
 - 3. Add Hardwire Alarm Required? – Board agreed “vent required” should be added to the Board of Health Title V Supplemental Rules and Regulations.
 - 4. Add Fabric Filter Over/Cover Entire System Required. – Board agreed “fabric filter over/cover entire system required” should be added to the Board of Health Title V Supplemental Rules and Regulations.
 - a. Ok to advertise hearing to approve revisions? – Board agreed advertising hearing to approve revisions/amendments to the Board of Health Title V Supplemental Rules and Regulations for April 01, 2020 at 6:30pm.
- f. 13 Sherwood Drive – Agent updated Board on the owner request to increase the capacity of septic system by adding another trench to the existing leaching area.
 - i. The Board agreed to the increase in capacity of the septic system by adding a new trench with the condition soils are confirmed at the time of the installation of the new trench and an engineered plan showing that it meets criteria is submitted to the Board of Health.

g. Agent Report:

- i. Coronavirus Report.
 1. The Health Agent updated the Board on the conference call regarding the virus and assured them that information is available on the Board of Health website and also on Facebook.
- ii. Halifax Mobile Home Estates Groundwater Discharge Monitoring Report – Carry-over to next meeting.
- iii. Systems around the pond:
 1. 17 Ocean Avenue.
 - a. The Board suggested the owner get a cursory inspection and submit a sketch/drawing of the actual system with its components to the Board of Health.
 - b. The Board stated the sketch/drawing will need to be stamped with an engineer stamp.
 2. 47 Ocean Avenue.
 - a. The Board suggested the owner get a cursory inspection and submit a sketch/drawing of the actual system with its components to the Board of Health.
 - b. The Board stated the sketch/drawing will need to be stamped with an engineer stamp.

4. Affirm Any Bills Paid: - Board Affirmed.

a. Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 20-13

- i. Alan Dias – MEHA Title 5 Seminar - \$85.00.
- ii. Steven MacFaun – MEHA New Member Membership - \$40.00.
- iii. Steven MacFaun – MEHA Title 5 Seminar - \$85.00.

5. The Following to be signed:

a. Payroll for the Week Ending March 14, 2020 - Board Approved and Signed.

- i. Cathleen Drinan, Health Agent.
- ii. Margaret Selter, Administrative Assistant.
- iii. Brian Kling, Animal Inspector.

b. Meeting Minutes:

- i. January 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes. - Board Member Signed.
- ii. February 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes. - Board Approved and Signed.

c. Expense Account# 01-512 – FY 20-14 - Board Approved and Signed.

- i. Alan Dias: Mileage Reimbursement:
 1. 02/04/20 through 02/12/20 - \$7.82.
- ii. **Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 20-11**
- iii. Webby Engineering: - Board Approved and Signed.
 1. 117 Fuller Street – Bottom Hole Inspection - \$60.00.
 2. 117 Fuller Street – Final Inspection - \$60.00.

- iv. Spath Engineering: - [Board Approved and Signed](#).
 - 1. Invoice# 02292020-743 - Plan Review - 539 Plymouth Street - \$85.00.
 - 2. Invoice# 03022020-743 - Plan Review – 77 Clyde O’Bosworth Road- \$85.00.
- d. **iPad Gift Account# 26-514-4830-02 – FY 20-08**
 - i. Cathleen Drinan – iPad Usage Reimbursement for February 2020 - \$21.16. - [Board Approved and Signed](#).
- e. **Permits:** *(With condition all required documents are submitted to the Board of Health office)* - [Board Approved and Signed](#).
 - i. United Hauling (Formerly Dooley’s Disposal) – 2020 Rubbish Hauler’s Permit.
 - ii. Ace Excavation, Inc. – Edward Hart – 2020 Septic Installer’s Permit.
 - iii. Jeffrey Brennan – 2020 Title V Inspector’s Permit.
 - iv. Wadsworth Inspections, LLC – Robert Wadsworth – 2020 Title V Inspector’s Permit.
 - v. Fred Nava & Son, Inc. – Christopher Drown – 2020 Title V Inspector’s Permit.

A Motion was made to approve permits i - v.

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Second: Steven MacFaun
Unanimous vote on the motion

f. Mail Folder:

i. Zoning Board of Appeals:

1. Notice of Public Hearing:

- a. 314 and 0 Plymouth Street – Country Club Estates – Request for comprehensive permit for a 40B Development. – [Board discussed. Carry-over to future meetings.](#)
- b. 9 Lake Street – Special Permit and/or variances to respond and expand a damaged structure. - [Board Read.](#)
- c. 20 Baker Street – Special Permit to build a two-story addition. – [Board discussed. The Board suggested Zoning Board of Appeals be notified that at their 01/15/20 meeting, the Board discussed and determined the owner’s request for four \(4\) bedrooms would require a new septic system design with a percolation test, primary leaching area and a reserve leaching area.](#)
- d. Amanda Estates – Request for modification of the special permit. - [Board Read.](#)

Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Motion: Alan Dias

Second: Steven MacFaun

Unanimous vote on the motion

Typed by,

Peggy Selter

Administrative Assistant

Signed By:

John L. Weber, Chairman

Alan J. Dias, Co-Chairman

Steven A. MacFaun – Clerk

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