Minutes of the Leverett Board of Health

Leverett Town Hall

Meeting Date: December 21, 2009 Meeting Start Time: 7:04 PM

Board Members Present: Dauchy, Zipkowitz, Hillman, Phillips, Fair

Clerk: Sue Nagy

- 1. Richard Karsten, (present) owner Lot# 80 Rattlesnake gutter Road submitted Well Report dated 12/7/2009 by Quabbin Analytical. DSCP#C2009-10-19a previously issued. Report indicated that sodium (11.2 mg/l) exceeded recommended limit (shown as 1.3 mg/l). The Board checked regulatory recommendations and found limit to be 20 mg/l. Owner will contact laboratory to request corrected report. Building permit signed by Zipkowitz.
- Richard Brazeau, (present) owner 38 Amherst Road submitted "As Built" plans and COC signed for repair DSCP# R2009-09-09a prepared by Mark McClusky, P.E. Senior Engineer. Received signed COC by Engineer/Designer and Installer. Signature of Health agent is needed.
- 3. **Richard Brazeau** (present) Chair, Select Board, discussed at length the well and water issues near current transfer station. DEP is requiring 2 rounds of testing of all the wells being affected. The BOH will be kept informed as this issue progresses.
- 4. Received notification from Mike Martel of BGL Corp., regarding **91 Amherst Road** (demolition) Mr. Martel spoke to Zipkowitz and stated that a septic tank was located. Zipkowitz requested a receipt for pumping and a sketch of the tanks location. The tank was crushed after pumping and back-filled in place.
- 5. Received DSCP application for repair at 363 North Leverett Rd., owner Maryanne Masterson. Received letter dated 12/15/2009 from Doug MacLeay, P.E., Project Manager SVE Engineering stating that due to wetness and soil conditions it was not possible to perform a percolation test. Sieve analysis showed loamy sand, however Mr. MacLeay and Steve Ball, HA, (Health Agent) determined that a slower percolation rate should be used due to stratification with fines. The soil is loamy sand but is slow draining soil with a high water table. Mr. MacLeay's letter requests: (1.) Local Upgrade Approval to allow a 1-foot reduction in groundwater separation from 4 feet to 3 feet. (2) Waiver of the Leverett Code 218-6.1 to allow the proposed leach field to be 105 feet from the existing well instead of 150 feet (3) Waiver of the Leverett Code 218-7 to permit a 1 foot reduction in groundwater separation from 4 feet to 3 feet to encourage maximum lateral separation from resources (4) Waiver of the Leverett Code 218-7.1 The area of this lot is not believed to contribute to aquifer recharge due to the stratification of the soils (5) Waiver of the Leverett Code 218-8.5c (6) Waiver of the Leverett Code 218-9 to allow construction of a soil absorption system in an area where the ESHWT is less than 24 inches. (7) Request for deferral of fees until owners loan is granted. Received a letter from Steve Ball, HA (Health Agent) dated 12/20/2009 stating that the plans appear to meet the requirements of the State Environmental Code (310 CMR 15.000). Title 5 and Leverett Local Regulations if the Local Upgrade Approval and Local Variances are granted.

The Board decided that a public hearing would be scheduled for January 4, 2010 at 8:15 PM regarding the Variance to Leverett Code 218-6.1. Assigned **DSCP# R2009-12-21a.**

Zipkowitz will contact owner to discuss the hearing. Dauchy will post hearing notification at the town hall and will notify the affected abutter who shares the existing well. Signatures of the owner on application forms are needed.

- 6. Received letter from Steve Ball, HA. Dated 12/20/2009 Regarding 72 Juggler Meadow Rd., owner Donald Carew DSCP# R2009-12-07a stating that approval of this plan will require the Leverett Board of Health to grant a variance to section 218-8.5a of the Leverett Code. This variance will allow the increase in the width of the leach field from 12 to 30 feet. BOH received formal variance request from William Sieruta, P.E. to waive Leverett Code 218-8.5a. The Board reviewed the plan and agreed that it was not feasible to configure the leaching system to meet the subject requirement. Dauchy moved to approve Local Variance and DSCP. Hillman seconded. Motion passed. DSCP Signed by Zipkowitz.
- 7. Dauchy reported on correspondence with Alan Weiss, R.S. regarding **34 Long Hill Road**, owner **Alice Rarig.** Weiss requests that he be authorized to design a system repair for a 3-bedroom home although it is listed as a 5 bedroom in the assessor's records. Steve Ball HA needs to look at the property to make determination. A DSCP plan can be submitted for a 3 bedroom if Steve agrees. Tentatively, a partition in the basement must be removed before the COC can be issued. (Application and design plan was found in the file for a 5 bedroom system that was never approved dated **1998**)
- 8. Fair moved to approve the minutes of the 12/7/2009 as amended. Dauchy seconded. Motion passed.
- 9. The BOH discussed the recent H1N1 Clinic. Over all the clinic went well, but something's that need to be improved upon are:
 - 1. Identification of Staff by nametags, T-shirts or some other method.
 - 2. Funding sources and methods for payment and reimbursement.
 - 3. Clarification of roles for different team members and more initial direction/training.
 - 4. Notification More lead time for notification if possible.
 - 5. Signage (stations and traffic flow)

The consensus was that the 150+/-person traffic was handled well, but that if there were a much larger turnout, the staffing and facility size or time frame available would need to be increased.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:34 PM

Next meeting Monday, January 4, 2010 @ 7:00 PM.

Susan Nagy, Clerk