

Board of Health Meeting
September 8, 2011
Town Building

Called to Order at 5:00 PM

In Attendance: Marcia Rising, Chairman
Betty Cormier
Sylvia Daley

Jack Wallace, Health Agent
Kathleen Willis, Planning Board Liaison

5:10 Bills and Permits Signed

5:20 Minutes reviewed and approved from August 11, 2011 meeting.

Discussion Items:

67 Elm Ridge Road

Sylvia Daley reviewed the history of the ongoing Stable/ Fencing issue at 67 Elm Ridge Road. Violations have been issued and the residents have 30 days to respond.

OAR Study

Jack discussed with the Board the importance of the water quality study of the Assabet River and that next year the Board of Health may need to request funds in their budget to continue the study and share in the future expense of the study. The Selectmen worked closely with OARS, as has Conservation in the past and he would like the Board of Health to take part in overseeing and funding the study next year. Marcia stated she would like the Board to do their share in the OAR study.

Flu Vaccine

Cyndie attended the Flu Reimbursement Training Seminar at Umass today, and it was discussed as to how the billing services would work this year for flu inoculations. There was a lengthy discussion on paperwork and insurance submittal as well as medicare reimbursement. The state is providing 140 doses for under or uninsured people and the Board of Health is purchasing 300 doses to dispense through the Medical Reserve Corps budget.

Shelter Set-Up Hurricane Irene

Jack reviewed the shelter set up for Hurricane Irene and felt the best improvement that was made was the decision to set up the day before. Also the benefit of having a Police Officer there for security and the custodian for needs at the school was a huge help. The communication between Fire, Police and MRC was very beneficial. Jack felt it was a very good drill. Fortunately the shelter only had two attendees.

Septic Holding Tank Pompositticut/Center School

Jack updated the Board on the progress of the septic at Pompositticut School. As the system is not complete the holding tank is being pumped every two weeks.

7 Dawes Road

Jack has been in contact with the homeowner. He has a dumpster and is in the process of removing the rubbish and will be cleaned up in two weeks.

Dog Kennel Update

Marcia has been in contact with Craig Martin and he has contracted some work to be started on the repair list. Marcia suggested that we get a Rubbermaid storage container for dog food and other needs.

Commercial Solar Renewable Energy Photovoltaic Installations

Kathleen Willis Planning Board presented a report on Solar Renewable Energy Photovoltaic Installation. It is a new concept to the Town. The Planning Office has been working on a draft bylaw. The Planning Board is looking at solar bylaws in other communities; the hearing will be about the proposed bylaw.

Next Board of Health Meeting October 13, 2011 at 5:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cyndie Colosi