

April 26, 2016

Meeting Opened: 7:31 P.M., Room 112, Town Hall
Members Present: William Morris; Chairman; Carol Johnson; Clerk; Richard
Bringhurst; Richard Beaugard
Members Absent: Mona Bissany
Others Present: John Glossa, P.E. – 11 Skyview Drive

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that the Board of Health accept with one correction made the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting as submitted. Seconded by Richard Beaugard. VOTE 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Animal Permit – 4 Nottingham Way:

Documents/Exhibits – Animal permit application (on file Health Department)

The Board of Health reviewed the Animal Permit application to house ten or less chickens at 4 Nottingham Way. The Health Director said that the Animal Inspector was at the property earlier and found a new chicken coop and enclosure installed and has no problem with the request.

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that regarding the animal permit application to house ten or less chickens at 4 Nottingham Way, it appears that the owner has met all the necessary requirements and received the Animal Inspector's stamp of approval, the Board of Health has no opposition to granting the permit. Seconded by Richard Beaugard. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Septic Variance – 11 Skyview Drive:

Documents/Exhibits – Glossa Engineering variance request dated 4/5/2016 & Proposed Septic Design Plan (on file Health Dept.).

John Glossa, P.E., addressed the Board of Health regarding the local upgrade variance request for the failed septic system at 11 Skyview Drive.

MOTION: made by Richard Beaugard that regarding the local upgrade variance request for the failed septic system at 11 Skyview Drive, the Board of Health supports the proposed septic design with modification to percolation testing as follows: 310 CMR 15.104 and 105 – Percolation Testing – allowing the soil absorption system to be designed and installed without a percolation test as allowed by DEP policy. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Definitive Subdivision Plan Revision #3 – Boyden Estates:

Documents/Exhibits – Revised Plan (on file Planning Board); Deputy Health Agent's summary.

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Definitive Subdivision Plan Revision #3 – Boyden Estates, which relocates the proposed roadway entrance and sewer lines and adds street lighting to the plan.

MOTION: made by Richard Bringhurst that with respect to the request for comment from the Planning Board regarding the Revised Definitive Subdivision Plan– Boyden Estates, the Board of Health is pleased to see that street lighting has been added to the plan and has no other concerns. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Definitive Subdivision Plan Revision #3 - Roscommon:

Documents/Exhibits – Revised Plan (on file Planning Board); Deputy Health Agent's summary.

The Board of Health reviewed revisions made to the Roscommon Subdivision Plan that address comments made by Walpole's Town Engineer and the Conservation Commission regarding the proposed plan.

MOTION: made by William Morris that the Board of Health's comments to the Planning Board regarding Revision #3 Roscommon Subdivision are that the revisions do not directly impact any matters that the Board of Health would be concerned with. The Board does note that the proposed private street lighting will be replaced with public street lighting and that other than that the Board has no additional comments on the plan. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Special Permit Case #03-16 – Off Pleasant St. Parcels 54 & 63:

Documents/Exhibits – Special Permit Application (on file Zoning Board of Appeals); Deputy Health Agent's summary.

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Special Permit Applications – Parcels 54 & 63, off Pleasant Street, the first to allow a two family detached home on a lot having an area at least 20,000 square feet, and the second special permit pertaining to the number of buildings per lot. The total proposed project consists of 6 duplex buildings.

MOTION: made by Richard Beauregard that regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals request for comment on the Special Permit Applications – Off Pleasant Street, Parcels 54 & 63, the Board of Health is pleased to see sidewalks and light posts included on the plan and reiterate that trash and recycling services will be managed by the condominium association. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Lifeguard Variance-Homes at Swan Pond:

Documents/Exhibits – 2016 Lifeguard Variance applications (on file Health Dept).

The Board of Health reviewed the lifeguard variance request for the Homes at Swan Pond Condominiums upper adults only pool.

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that regarding the request from the Homes at Swan Pond to operate the adult only upper pool without a lifeguard the Board of Health has no concerns. The Board of Health requires that the appropriate warning signs are posted around the pool and that the Homes at Swan Pond submit to the Town of Walpole Board of Health a standard indemnification agreement. Seconded by Richard Beauregard. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS

New Business:

Fluoride in Town Water:

The Health Director informed the Board of Health that the Sewer & Water Commission is once again considering a Town Meeting Ballot question regarding discontinuing the practice of adding fluoride to town water.

MOTION: made by William Morris that the Board of Health's comment to the Board of Selectman regarding fluoride in Walpole's drinking water (with a copy sent to the Sewer Water Commission) is that the Board has seen no new information over the last three years that would indicate that removing fluoride from water is a good idea and that it continues to be a clear benefit to public health. The Board of Health would urge the Board of Selectman, and the Sewer Water Commission, to continue to fluoridate the water in the Town of Walpole as it has been done for the past 40 years and that the effort to put a question regarding fluoridation on the town meeting ballot should be opposed by the Board. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Main Street Live Events:

The Health Director informed the Board of Health that in an effort to revitalize the downtown area and promote it as a Friday night destination, the Economic Development Commission (EDC) is planning several events. The EDC questioned whether the Board of Health would consider waiving or reducing the required temporary food permit fee required from any restaurant participating in a for profit event in the town.

MOTION: made by William Morris regarding the downtown events the Economic Development Commission is planning for the Town of Walpole, the Board of Health approves a reduction in the normal Temporary Food Permit Inspection fee of \$75 to \$35 for Walpole based businesses. Out of town restaurants will still have to pay the full permit fee and will have to let the Health Department know which restaurant in the downtown area will serve as their base of operation. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Spectra Pipeline:

Documents/Exhibits – Memo from Deputy Health Agent; 4/4/16 Letter Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners.

The Deputy Health Agent reviewed with the Board of Health information presented at the April 7, 2016 meeting, held in Sharon, regarding the Spectra Pipeline project. The Board also reviewed correspondence from the Sewer & Water Commissioners to DEP addressing concerns the Commission has regarding the project. The Health Director said that two informational public meetings in Walpole, May 9th and 23rd are scheduled. Board members agreed that before making any comment on the plan they need to obtain and review additional information regarding the project.

Correspondence:

Site Plan Decision – Definitive Subdivision Decision – Olmsted Estates

MOTION: made by William Morris to adjourn. Seconded Richard Beauregard. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Meeting Closed: 8:12 P.M.