

May 24, 2016

Meeting Opened: 7:32 P.M., Room 112, Town Hall
Members Present: William Morris; Chairman; Carol Johnson; Clerk; Richard
Bringhurst; Mona Bissany
Members Absent: Richard Beauregard
Others Present: Joanne & Baily Woods – Animal Permit, 9 Benny Street

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that the Board of Health approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting as written. Seconded by Mona Bissany. **VOTE 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.**

Animal Permit – 9 Benny Street:

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

The Board of Health reviewed the Animal Permit application to house six or less chickens at 9 Benny Street. The permit applicants were present and informed the Board that at the recommendation of the Animal Inspector, John Spillane, that the chicken coop will be placed in the middle of the backyard, closer to the house, with a fenced enclosure.

MOTION: made by Mona Bissany regarding the animal permit application to house six or less chickens at 9 Benny Street, the Board of Health grants that permit request. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. **VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.**

Special Permit – Verizon Wireless:

Documents/Exhibits – Special Permit Application (on file Zoning Board of Appeals);

Deputy Health Agent's summary.

The Board of Health reviewed for comment three Special Permit Applications allowing Verizon to install canister antennas on utility poles: # 46-28-1x, near 234 Baker Street; #5.50, near 275 Common Street; #58/164-11x, near 644 Main Street.

MOTION: made by William Morris that the Board of Health's comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals is that we have no issues with the antenna installations. Seconded by Carol Johnson. **VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.**

Variance & Special Permit Case #05-16 – 49 Morningside Drive:

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

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Variance & Special Permit Applications – 49 Morningside Drive, to replace an existing deck with a three season room and add an 18.5x18 foot addition to the back right side of the existing home. The proposed construction requires a special permit for increased impervious surface and a variance from lot size and setback requirements.

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals request for comment on the Variance and Special Permit Applications – 49 Morningside Drive, the Board of Health has no concerns. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. **VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.**

Notice of Intent – 57 Lake Avenue:

Documents/Exhibits – Notice of Intent (on file Conservation Commission); Deputy Health Agent's summary..

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Notice of Intent- 57 Lake Avenue, to add an addition to an existing home a residential garage, deck and install a new driveway, all located within the 100 foot buffer of vegetated wetlands.

MOTION: made by Richard Bringham that with respect to the request for comment from the Conservation Commission regarding the Notice of Intent – 57 Lake Avenue, the Board of Health has no concerns. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Request for Determination – Mass Coastal Railroad (MCCR) Right of Way:

Documents/Exhibits – Request for Determination (on file Conservation Commission);

Deputy Health Agent’s summary.

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Request for Determination – Mass Coastal Railroad Right of Way to establish wetland delineation along MCCR’s right of way in Walpole.

MOTION: made by Mona Bissany that the Board of Health’s comment to the Conservation Commission is the Board has no health related concerns with the Request for Determination. Seconded by Carol Johnson. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Lifeguard Variance – LA Fitness:

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

The Board of Health reviewed the lifeguard variance request for LA Fitness.

MOTION: made by Mona Bissany to grant LA Fitness a lifeguard variance provided a CPO (Certified Pool Operator) is available on site at all times the pool is open, warning signs are posted around the pool, children under the age of 16 shall not use the pool without the supervision of an adult, barriers are placed in the pool area to prevent pool access during routine maintenance and repair and that a standard indemnification agreement with the Town of Walpole Board of Health is submitted. Seconded by Richard Bringham. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Lifeguard Variance – Redwood Mews:

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

The Board of Health reviewed the lifeguard variance request for Redwood Mews Condominiums.

MOTION: made by Mona Bissany that the Board of Health grants the request for a lifeguard variance at Redwood Mews Condominiums for the 2016 pool season, subject to the receipt of the standard indemnification agreement with the Town of Walpole Board of Health and that the appropriate warning signs are posted around the pool area. Seconded by William Morris. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Old Business:

Spectra Pipeline:

Documents/Exhibits – Informational Fliers from No Walpole Gas Pipeline Group & No Spectra MA Organization.

The Board of Health reviewed additional information regarding the Spectra Access Northeast Pipeline Proposal. The Health Director updated the Board about concerns expressed during the Public Utilities Hearing, held at the Walpole High School, Monday, May 23, 2016. Ms. Chapell said that Walpole residents and residents from surrounding communities voiced their opposition about the pipeline because of the environmental impact it would have, the fact that Massachusetts does not need (at this time) additional natural gas access, because of the potential electric rate increases imposed on customers in order to pay for the project, and Walpole residents because of its close proximity to the town’s aquifer. Ms. Chapell said that Attorney General Healy, State Senator Timilty, Walpole Board of Selectmen, and Walpole Sewer Water Commissioners have publicly opposed the project.

MOTION: made by Carol Johnson that the Board of Health submit a letter expressing the Board's opposition to the Spectra Gas Pipeline. The Board of Health's concerns regarding the project are: it's close proximity to the Town of Walpole's Aquifer, water is an important and valuable asset and must be protected; the potential public health risk in the event of a leak or rupture, as well as, coordinating the evacuation of residents; the potential health risks to the very young and the elderly; and that an additional pipeline is not necessary at this time. Seconded by Mona Bissany. VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

New Business:

Second Cultivation Kitchen:

Carol Johnson updated Board members about the second cultivation kitchen program and that participant of this session are elementary school aged children and their parent/guardian. Ms. Johnson said that the program is very informative with great presentations about food preparation and healthy eating. Ms. Johnson said that she is impressed with the young student participants and that everyone is enjoying the 3 week program.

Superfund Update:

The Health Director informed the Board of Health about two upcoming public meetings regarding the Superfund Site. The first June 14, 2016, Walpole Public Library, 7:00PM, will address stream, wetland, and groundwater restoration in the Upper Neponset River Watershed, the second June 21, 2016, Walpole Public Library, 6:00PM, will be an update of cleanup activities scheduled for summer and fall 2016, primarily properties on South Street associated with Blackburn & Union Privileges sites west and east of South Street.

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

Meeting Closed: 8:01 P.M.