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Board of Health Minutes January 10, 2007

Meeting called to order: 7:10 PM

Present: Chairperson Chapman; Clerk Bobo; Member Lawrence; Health Agent Godzik and Recording Secretary Tradd.

Office Business:

- Next Meeting – Wednesday February 7, 2007
- Approval of Restrictive Covenant for 56 Sohler Street – The Board unanimously agreed to approve the Restrictive Covenant restricting the use of a garbage grinder and stating that the property is being served by an I/A System.

45 Church Street, Terry McSweeney, P.E.

- Abutters list in order. The plan requires two (2) local upgrade variances for approval: To 15.405 (1)(g) Both requests fall under this one Section: a) Reduce the setback between the septic tank and SAS from a tributary to a surface water supply from 200 feet to 75 feet for the septic tank and pump chamber and 135 feet for the SAS. The SAS is removed as far as possible from the tributary to the water supply. The SAS is pressure dosed for better distribution of effluent and better treatment by the soil. B) Reduce the setback between the SAS and a subsurface drain which discharges to a tributary to a surface water supply from 100 feet to 38 feet. The direction of groundwater flow under the SAS is probably away from the drain since it is at a higher elevation than the SAS. Bobo moved to approve both variances as presented by Engineer McSweeney; Chapman seconded, vote carried unanimously. Bobo moved to approve the plan for 45 Church Street; Plan Date: December 5, 2006 no revisions. Lawrence seconded, vote carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- Stormwater Bylaw Review – Bobo updated the Board on the interpretation of the newly proposed stormwater bylaw. Bobo also mentioned that at last night's Stormwater Committee Meeting that ½ of Dr. Godzik's comments of the January 3rd draft were accepted by the Committee. The submissions for the RFP to The Town of Cohasset Stormwater Management Committee (the "Committee") in implementing stormwater management plans and improvements for the Town have been received by the following Engineering Firms: Environmental Partners; Horsley and Whitten; Northeast Engineering; Norfolk Ram Group and Weston and Sampson. The scope of work includes: Work requirements include data gathering and evaluation, attending meetings of the Committee (anticipated to be twice a month through February and at least once a month afterwards),

prioritization of sub-watershed needs relative to stormwater issues of environmental impact and flooding, and planning for a proposed Town stormwater bylaw to help address stormwater issues. Providing assistance in seeking state & federal grant funding is also anticipated. The role of the Board of Health with the Stormwater Committee is the oversight of bacteria pollution and controls. The Stormwater Committee will actually be organized as a Commission and operate similar to the Sewer Commission.

- Lighthouse's Septic System – The system was pumped on December 12, 2006 by Spirito Environmental (1500 gallons) at the time of pumping the septage hauler stated the condition of the system was good. The Board unanimously requests that Tradd send a letter to the Trustees of the Lighthouse's Residence requesting that the system be inspected once a year and pumped if necessary.

Correspondence:

- Water Dept System Modifications – The DEP approved the scope of work for the Water Treatment Plant Modifications; work includes modifications to the intake structure, the water treatment facilities, and the lagoons. Further description is attached to these minutes. So Noted.
- NYC Board of Health – Trans Fat Article – So Noted.
- The Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act – The legislation reauthorizes the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 to protect the public more effectively and efficiently by responding to public health emergencies with a clear line of authority from local to state to federal officials. It also builds on the Project BioShield Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-276) to accelerate advanced research and development of drugs and vaccines to protect the United States from Health Emergencies, such as bird flu. By building on the lessons we have learned from Hurricane Katrina and September 11th, this bill will improve our public health and medical preparedness and response capabilities for emergencies. So Noted.
- Scituate Hill Subdivision – Dr. Godzik attended the MEPA meeting last week to discuss the subdivision and updated the Board on what happened. The Environmental Notification submission is on file at the BOH office for review. So Noted.
- Hosting Summer Interns – The Board agreed to sponsor an Intern to help work with CSCR group over the summer. It was also mentioned that an intern may be helpful to the new Stormwater Commission. Dr. Godzik to contact the Intern program.
- Sewer Upgrade Environmental Impact Report for Little Harbor and Plant Expansion – The copy is available for review at the BOH office. So Noted.

Meeting called to order at: 8:

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