

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2012**

The Tewksbury Township Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 P.M. on the above date, in the Mountainville Meeting Hall, 60 Water Street, Mountainville, NJ. Chairman Peter Goyer presided.

Other members present were Shirley Czajkowski , Anthony Formica, Janet Masterton and Anna Maria Miele.

Anthony Miele and Zia Shey were not present.

Debie Vaccarella of the Hunterdon County Department of Health was also present.

1. Open Public Meetings Statement

The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mr. Goyer.

2. Flag Salute

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

3. Action to be Taken

Block 45 Lot 13 Distance waiver

Kurt Hoffman, the design engineer for the septic system located at 30 Felmley Road was present to request a waiver for the distance between the primary and reserve fields. He noted that the three bedroom dwelling is currently for sale; the septic is failing and is under water. The property is in wetlands transition area and is either wetlands of buffer to wetlands. The applicant is also applying to the NJDEP for a General Permit (GP) 25. Mr. Hoffman noted that four soil logs were done as well as pit pails and the distance between the primary and reserve areas is only 48-50 feet as opposed to the required 75 feet.

In response to a question from Ms. Masterton, Mr. Hoffman explained that the system is a mound-gravity system due to the high water table and the fact that the house sits high above the septic field. He added that a wetlands consultant has stated that the only area to locate the system is below the existing septic.

In response to a question from Ms. Masterton, Mrs. Vaccarella stated that the GP25 is the only mechanism needed for the NJDEP to approve locating a septic system in a wetlands.

Mrs. Vaccarella added that the septic code changed on 04-02-12 that streamlined the use of other technologies for septic systems. In response to a question by Mrs. Vaccarella, Mr. Hoffman stated that a peat or drip system would not be suitable for this site and the gravity system would be most appropriate.

Discussion followed regarding moving the reserve area more to the north on the property. Mr. Hoffman explained that doing this would put the reserve area more in the wetlands area which is the most environmentally sensitive and would be doing the wrong thing environmentally. He added that the NJDEP would undoubtedly not issue the GP25 for a system located in the wetlands.

Mr. Goyer made a motion to accept the distance waiver between the primary and reserve field for the septic system located on Block 45, Lot 13 conditional upon the receipt of a GP25 from the NJDEP, seconded by Ms. Masterton. The motion was

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approved. Ayes: Czajkowski, Formica, Goyer, Masterton, Miele/Anna Maria. Nays: None. Absent: Miele/Anthony, Shey.

Block 6.04 Lot: 7.11 Reserve area

Jeff Careaga the design engineer for the septic system located at 17 Salter's Farm Road was present to explain the need for a reserve area waiver.

The thirty year old, four bedroom dwelling has an existing system that is not currently malfunctioning, but is not working well, and the homeowner wishes to upgrade before there is an effluent breakout. Mr. Careaga described the physical constraints of the property - sloping from the road to a stream at the rear of the property- and the fact that the septic bed needs to remain in the rear yard as the front yard is sloped and the utilities are located in the front yard.

Mr. Careaga stated that a waiver is needed as there is no room on the property to locate a reserve field as the distance requirements for the stream and wetlands need to be followed.

He added that no trees or any native vegetation need to be removed as the system will be located in a grassy area.

In response to a question from Mr. Formica, Mr. Careaga explained that even though the system is not currently malfunctioning, the field cannot be repaired.

Further comments were made regarding the removal of soil from the old field and replacement with select fill.

It was noted that the existing 1000 gallon septic tank will remain and an additional pump tank will be used: there will be no change in the number of bedrooms.

Mrs. Vaccarella noted that the change to the system is better than a malfunctioning system. She added that the County does not often see reserve areas being used for alterations.

In response to a question from Mrs. Czajkowski, Mr. Careaga stated that systems normally fail due to the fill material, and the new select fill that will be utilized in this system can be removed, cleaned up and replaced.

Mrs. Vaccarella, noting the recent septic code change that states that an application expires after five years, questioned if a reserve area would have to be retested (after five years) if it initially failed. Further comments were made regarding the five year statute parameters and the reasoning behind them.

In response to an additional question from Mrs. Czajkowski, Mr. Careaga stated that if a reserve area had to be located, it could be located closer to the stream. He added that the soil is uniform on the site-it is well drained and not too coarse.

Mrs. Vaccarella noted that if the septic were to be located in the front yard, the public water connection would have to be moved. She surmised that locating the system in the front yard would not be aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Goyer made a motion to accept the waiver for not having a reserve field for the property located at Block 6.04, Lot 7.11, seconded by Ms. Masterton. The motion was

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approved. Ayes: Czajkowski, Formica, Goyer, Masterton, Miele/Anna Maria. Nays: None. Absent: Miele/Anthony, Shey.

4. Correspondence

- a. From HCDOH – health advisory Pertussis in Hunterdon County
- b. Memo from John Beckley – HCDOH updates/developments – retirement
- c. Letter from Tadhgh Rainey, new division manager of the division of Hunterdon County Public Health Services
- d. HCDOH – LINCS – NJ animal rabies cases 2011
- e. Septic report for peat system Block 28 Lot 32
- f. Septic report for peat system Block 11 Lot 27
- g. 2 septic reports for peat system Block 11 Lot 22.03
- h. Septic report for peat system Block 45 Lot 11, 12
- i. From HCDOH – LINCS – 2012 recommended immunization schedules and updated vaccine information statements
- j. HCDOH – LINCS Recommendations for Diagnosis & Control of Pertussis
- k. HCDOH – LINCS Salmonellosis associated with pet turtle exposures
- l. HCDOH – LINCS – potential measles exposure at super bowl village on 2-3-12
- m. HCDOH – LINCS – increase in norovirus infections in NJ
- n. Copy of septic system design from B 32 L 29.01 as submitted by Parker Engineering
- o. From HC DPS – Div of Public Health Services- information re Pesticide Control Regulations
- p. HC Div. Public Health (HCDPH) – respiratory virus surveillance report week ending 4-7-12
- q. HCDPH- lyme disease surge predicted for the northeast US
- r. HCDPH - Death Rates from Unintentional Injury Among Children Drop
- s. From HCDOH – letter re: Block 43 Lot 3

Discussion followed regarding item q from the Correspondence List. Mrs. Vaccarella noted that the tick infestation is earlier this year due to past winter weather conditions. Additional discussion followed regarding Lyme disease education, testing and symptoms.

Further comments were made regarding the measles, mumps and rubella inoculations.

5. Minutes

Mr. Goyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of 01/03/12, seconded by Mrs. Czajkowski. The motion was approved. Ayes: Czajkowski, Formica, Goyer, Miele/Anna Maria. Nays: None. Abstain: Masterton. Absent: Miele/Anthony, Shey.

6. Reports

Animal Bite Report

2-23-12 Dog bite at 213 Route 517

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2-28-12 Cat bite at 31 Boulder Hill Road
3-20-12 Dog bite at 30 Cold Springs Road Animal euthanized 4/3/12
4-16-12 Dog bite at 109 Fairmount Road West

Animal Control Officer Report

February 2012

March 2012

April 2012

Ms. Masterton noted that the Animal Control Officer reports from March and April seem to have more information than past reports.

She requested that additional information be noted on the report with regard to final disposition or resolution of the incidents.

Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification

79 Fairmount Road	heating Oil- removal of UST
20 Longview Road	heating oil – removal of UST

7. Board Member Comments

It was the consensus of the Board to hold the Rabies Clinic on 10-06-12 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Dr. Cailles will be contacted to check on her availability.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. Brassard
Board of Health Secretary