

Board of Health Meeting of September 7, 2016 DRAFT

The meeting convened at 7 PM. Present: Fair, Brazeau, Hillman, Zipkowitz, and Health Agent Steve Ball. Absent: Dauchy, Nagy (clerk).

1. **29 Laurel Hill Road** well permit issued to Sandy Southwick to deepen existing well. \$75 fee paid Check #5568 dated 8/30/16

2. **88 Cave Hill**, Received DSCP form for owner Godfrey, but no payment nor signature of application

3. **92 Juggler Meadow Road**. No information yet reported for a Conservation Commission wetland determination; Jonathan Gere owner.

4. John Hillman described a program at UMass Laboratory of Medical Zoology for testing ticks for Leverett residents. The normal fee is \$50 per tick. By agreeing to this program a volume discount per specimen tested will be \$30. UMASS has offered us a discount of \$20 per specimen tested if the town would contribute \$500 up front. This would allow the town to subsidize \$5 toward the first one hundred tests submitted by residents. Brazeau moved and Zipkowitz seconded a motion to expend the \$500 from Board of Health funds; motion passed unanimously. We will use the newsletter, Connect CTY and open meetings to inform people of the program.

5. **145 Rattlesnake Gutter** Assessor Steve Schmidt raised a question of whether permits were approved for the well, septic system, rough plumbing and the building of a barn Assessors have been on site. Health Agent Ball reported to the Board that all the proper permitting is in place.

6. Zipkowitz asked to be relieved of monitoring the telephone answering service. The consensus was that other members of the Board will rotate this function. She also repeated her request that Hillman arrange for the purchase of preprinted and stamped envelopes for the Board's use.

7. Zipkowitz provided Health Agent Ball with two message requesting assistance in scheduling Title V tests. She also said that she had taken a message from Isaiah Robison, on behalf of The Conservation Commission, to meet with a representative of the Board to better coordinate actions on inspection by the Con Com and our permitting process. Fair said he would contact Robison and follow up on this request. Zipkowitz asked if any action had been taken on the request from Katelin Scutari for a permit enabling her to create and sell baked good from her home. Health Agent Ball said he had been trying to call her but has not had any response.

8. Concerns about the status of the well at the **Mount Toby Meeting House** are being handled by a member of Meeting House with DEP; the issue is whether the well should be designated a public water supply based on building usage. This falls under the jurisdiction of the DEP not the Lev BOH

9. **1 Dudleyville Road** Discussion of septic problems were discussed and Health Agent Ball informed us of the ways to legally reach the owners including sending both a certified letter and a first class letter in the event that the recipient refuses to sign the certified mailing.; Fair will see that this is done, since we have had no response to our earlier mailings. The situation is also complicated by the failure to implement plans for dividing the property of the late Cliff Blinn, including the house, by Steve Blinn and his brother Brian Blinn.

Pending items:

1. Fair will contact owner of 88 Cave Hill for DSCP signature and payment.
2. Fair will resend notices to Steve Blinn re Title V inspection
3. Hillman will monitor phone line for the next few weeks.
4. Hillman will continue to research more details for the tick testing initiative he outlined.
5. Fair will contact Con-Com about ways for the two Boards to coordinate issues that involve both groups.

Next meeting is September 19.