

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

February 17, 2010

Chair William C. Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

Attendance Roll Call:

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| Christina Albrecht | absent | William C. Nugent | present | Wendy Sheay | absent |
| Jane Butula | present | Tanya Rohrbach | absent | Donna Simon | present |
| Beatrice Muir | present | | | | |

Also Present: Hunterdon County Dept. of Health representative, Debra Vaccarella

Not in attendance: Board of Health Attorney, Stanley T. Perlowski, Esq.
Board of Health Engineer, Ferriero Engineering, Inc.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of January 20, 2010. (-Rohrbach vote).

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Muir to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Simon. Chair Nugent stated that revisions had been submitted by Mr. Perlowski, and were at each board members station.

Ms. Butula requested that Ms. Petzinger review the recording of the 1/20/10 meeting regarding the Wawa application, specifically the portion of the testimony regarding the certified installer, and include that in the minutes.

Also on pg. 7 the paragraph 'The Guidance Document must be complied with...'

There is some language regarding the installers and manufacturers of the components of this alternative system which should be included.

On roll call vote, the following was recorded for approval of the 1/20/10 minutes:

Ms. Butula Nay Ms. Muir Nay Ms. Simon Nay Chair Nugent Nay

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Butula that the minutes be corrected by Ms. Petzinger, then submitted to the Chair, Mr. Nugent, and be submitted for approval at next months meeting.

This motion was seconded by Ms. Muir.

On roll call vote, the following was recorded for correction of the 1/20/10 minutes and deferral of the approval of said minutes to the 3/17/10 Board of Health meeting:

Ms. Butula Aye Ms. Muir Aye Ms. Simon Aye Chair Nugent Aye

B. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter dated 2/1/10 from Bucharth Horn, Inc. - regarding Route 22 Culvert Dredging over a tributary to Timber Creek.

Chair Nugent noted that counsel has requested that this is forwarded to Ferriero Engineering.

2. Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification letter dated 12/31/09 regarding oil heating #2.

3. Block 52/Lot 4 - HCDH – Notice of Violation.

Chair Nugent asked Ms. Vaccarella if there was any status on this. Ms. Vaccarella stated that she had not been copied on this, and asked that Ms. Petzinger email a request that could be forwarded.

4. HCDH LINC'S – dated 1/21/10 – Public Health UPDATE -NJ Rabies cases 1/1/09 – 12/31/09.

5. HCDH LINC'S – dated 2/9/10 – Public Health ADVISORY- Gastrointestinal Illness Outbreak.

Chair Nugent stated there had been an article in the paper regarding this.

6. HCDH LINC'S – dated 1/29/10 – Public Health UPDATE -MMWR Week 3.

7. Block 57.01/11.15 – NJDEP - no further action letter.

8. Block 95/Lot 10 – NJDEP - no further action letter.

9. HCDH – letter dated 2/8/10 regarding animal bite quarantine procedures.

There was some discussion of this procedure. Ms. Butula asked if the local veterinarians should be copied on this. Ms. Vaccarella stated that animal control would be the ones involved, an animal bite is reported to the County, then they are in communication with the AC Officer. The vets would only be involved with the dispatching of the specimen.

10. Block 91/Lot 4 - 441 Main Street, Three Bridges - NJDEP – Notice of Deficiency.

C. SEPTIC REPAIRS (*HCHD status in italics*).

1. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 43/L 10.01 *Final field 1/27/10*
2. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 64/L 18.09 *Final field 1/27/10*
3. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 51/L 28 *Final field 1/28/10*
4. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 94/L 4.13 *Final field 1/22/10*

From the 1/20/10 agenda:

5. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 58/L 2. *no work done as of 2/11/10*
6. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 56/L 13. *no work done as of 2/11/10*
7. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 46/L 10.10. *no work done as of 2/11/10*

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Interlocal Health Services Agreement.

Chair Nugent stated that this is the signed agreement for 2010. Ms. Vaccarella stated that she had investigated this, and it is in the Municipal Code, the Housing Code as adopted is under the jurisdiction of the construction code official.

Chair Nugent stated there was also some question as to whether or not the Public Health Nuisance Code was adopted by reference.

Ms. Vaccarella stated it is not, it is the Township's own Public Health Nuisance Code, the definition of what a nuisance is and how it should be handled.

Ms. Butula stated that is the work we still need to do.

Ms. Vaccarella stated yes, the HCDH is fine with the Housing Code being in the jurisdiction of the construction code official.

2. HCDH – Municipal Board of Health member seminar – 2/23/10, @ Hunterdon County Dept. of Health.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Rabies Clinic – Saturday, February 20, 2010, 11:00 – 1:00, at the Public Works/Recycling Garage, Mountain Road, Whitehouse Station.

2. Hunterdon County Health Partnership meeting. - February 25, 2010, 8:30 AM, Echo Hill Lodge, Clinton.

Ms. Butula stated that she would be representing this board as a part of Issue 4. They will be partnering with the Coalition for Safe Communities, and joining HPR in going forward.

3. Radiological Annex. –

Chair Nugent stated that Ms. Sheay will be assisting with the Radiological Annex (part of the OEM) which has been drafted, and will be reviewed and presented over the next week.

F. APPROVALS

Category A. – Single Lots

1. Block 69/Lot 13.11 – Mantz, Milano/Walkiewicz, Witherspoon St.

Escrow fees paid 12/2/09, Ck# 106, \$750.00.

Mr. James Mantz, NJ licensed professional engineer and land surveyor represented Mr. and Mrs. Milano before the board. Mrs. Michelle Milano is in attendance this evening. This property was observed in the fall of 2009, and it was determined that the grade in the back of the house goes up hill, and it is a gravity system. The laterals are probably 3 – 4' below the ground surface, and that could be the problem, there are some smells in the house and the toilets run very sluggishly. The homeowners are using the system conservatively until a new system is installed. The testing in the northeastern portion of the property, 1.9, 2 acre parcel located on the southerly side of Witherspoon St., built in the late 1970's. Two soil logs and a basin flood test went very well, tested in one day, and emptied in 2 hours each time. Some mottling was observed, hence the revision to soil log 2, the mottling was 34 – 39". Based on the mottling, the mounded

septic system was designed and should blend in with the hill. A letter from HCDH, Mr. Vaccarella dated 12/4/09 was responded to with revised plans and a letter dated 12/8/09, that should be the plan that the board has this evening. All comments should have been addressed in the letter.

Ms. Vaccarella stated there is a 12/15/09 HCDH letter stating that there are no outstanding issues.

Mr. Mantz stated there is an existing well in the front of the house, an existing septic tank 68' from the well but the system is the minimum 100' away from the well. There are no adjoining wells within 100' of the proposed septic system. There is an existing system on Lot 13.12, located to the east of this property which is approximately 70' away from the proposed system. There is no indication of wetlands on this property.

Both this property and to the east are mowed lawns, with no wetlands present.

Chair Nugent stated regarding the existing septic tank, are there any comments that it will be replaced ?

Mr. Mantz stated that the homeowner, Mr. Milano, had previously had the tank inspected, and found the tank to be in good condition, it was partially uncovered when he looked at it, and there didn't appear to be any deterioration.

There was some discussion of the existing tank, and the possibility of replacing it.

Chair Nugent asked what the depth of the standpipe in Soil Log 2 was? And the height of the mound?

Mr. Mantz stated it was installed down to 96". The height of the mound was 4.5' on the low side.

Chair Nugent asked if there were any other concerns.

There was no response from the board, or the County.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Butula for **approval** for Block 69/Lot 13.11, 4 bedroom home at 9 Witherspoon St.. There are two maps, Septic System Replacement Plan for Block 69/Lot 13.11, Readington Township, Hunterdon County, NJ, the first map dated 11/19/09, revision was a new map in response to the HCHD letter was 12/8/09 with signature, prepared by James J. Mantz, licensed professional engineer. The surveying was done by James J. Mantz, licensed professional surveyor dated 11/10/09. HCDH letters are dated 12/4/09 and 12/15/09, this is an alteration with no expansion, a reply letter to HCDH from Mr. Mantz is dated 12/8/09. This will be a gravity mounded soil replacement system. For the primary, soil logs 1 and 2 done 11/10/09, soil log 1 @ 96", mottling 36 – 40", no ground water. Soil log 2 @ 96", mottling 34 – 39", no ground water. Permeability test was basin flood 1, @ 96", on 11/10/09, passing. Regional water is determined by soil log 2 with mottling @ 34". Notes 5, 6, 7, on the plans state there are no existing wells within 100' of the proposed system. 6 says no existing septic systems within 50' of this proposed system. 7 says there are no wetlands or wetland transition areas within 150' of this proposed septic system. A note is made that the proposed system will be graded to divert surface water because the toe of the mound is so close to the lot line, 10'. The engineer has testified that he will go back and inspect this and a letter will be provided that all grading and surface water has not gone into the neighboring property. This is a proper installation with the proper inspections.

This motion was seconded by Ms. Simon. On roll call vote the following was recorded:

Ms. Butula Aye Ms. Muir Aye Ms. Simon Aye Chair Nugent Aye

G. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Muir to adjourn at 8:15 pm, seconded by Ms. Simon with a vote of Ayes all, Nays, none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Petzinger
Board of Health Secretary