

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

March 17, 2010

Chair William C. Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:15pm 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:

Christina Albrecht	present	William C. Nugent	present	Wendy Sheay	present
Jane Butula	absent	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 of the January 20, 2010 meeting as revised and amended. This motion was seconded by Ms. Simon.

On roll call vote the following was recorded for approval of the January 20, 2010 minutes:

Ms. Albrecht Aye Ms. Muir Aye Ms. Sheay Aye Ms. Simon Aye Chair Nugent Aye

2. **Minutes** of February 17, 2010. (*-Albrecht, Rohrbach, Sheay vote*).

The approval of the 2/17/10 minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **NALBOH Newsletter** – 1st Quarter 2010.

A. **Membership** cards; catalog of publications.

2. **Block 51/2.08** – NJDEP - no further action letter.

3. **Block 38/Lot 52** – NJDEP - no further action letter.

4. **Block 45.01/Lot 1.11** – NJDEP - no further action letter.

5. **HCDH LINCS** – dated 2/11/10 – Public Health UPDATE -MMWR Week 5.

6. **Letter dated 2/23/10 from Hatch Mott MacDonald** regarding NJDEP Flood Hazard and Wetland Permit Application HC Rt. 600/Rt. 612.

7. **Letter dated 2/23/10 from Hatch Mott MacDonald** regarding LOI Line Verification Route 22 Culvert at UNT to South Branch Rockaway Creek, NJDOT.

8. **Letter dated 2/4/10 from Buchart Horn, Inc.** - regarding South Branch Rockaway Creek Tributary Sediment Removal Permit Application (*copy on file in Clerk's office*).

9. **Public Notice** – dated 2/19/10 – Request for NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Gen. Permits #2, #10B and Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit.

10. **Block 31/Lot 37, Block 34/Lots 10 & 11** – Letter from James J. Mantz dated 1/28/10 regarding application for flood hazard area verification.

11. **HCDH LINCS** – dated 2/17/10 – Public Health UPDATE - Ongoing Mumps Outbreak NJ.

Chair Nugent noted that this is a LINCS communication regarding the ongoing mumps outbreak.

12. **NJDEP** – Receptor Evaluation Form – Exxon Facility.

13. **Block 39/Lot 53 - NJDEP** – Freshwater Wetlands Gen Perm 6 & 10 – pre cancellation letter.

14. **NJDOT** - Route 22 Culvert at UNT to South Branch Rockaway Creek, Structure No. 1005-162. (*copy on file in Clerk's office*).

15. **HCDH LINCS** – dated 3/5/10 – Public Health ADVISORY – Confirmed case of mumps in HC.

Ms. Sheay stated this follows up on the mumps outbreak, with a confirmed case in Readington Twp. There was some discussion of immunizations.

16. **Hunterdon County Planning Board** – letter dated 3/4/10 regarding County Septic System Inventory Database.

Ms. Muir requested an additional copy for the Township main office. Chair Nugent stated that perhaps some of the members of the BOH and Committee could meet, in order to discuss the future requirements of this; also, if Ms. Vaccarella would relay the message to the County that the BOH would be requesting this.

17. **Block 45.01/Lot 79** – NJDEP - no further action letter.

18. **Block 12.01/Lot 1** – NJDEP - no further action letter.

19. **HCDH LINCS** – dated 3/15/10 Public Health ADVISORY – Confirmed case of meningococcal disease.

There was some discussion of vaccinations and prevention.

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

1. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 25/L 50.11. *Final Field 3/8/10.*

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Rabies Clinic totals, 56 dogs; 25 cats.

Ms. Petzinger stated that the free rabies clinic was quite successful. As discussed at the previous meeting, a pamphlet covering the rabies quarantine procedure was available at the clinic, and copies are available in the lobby of the Municipal Building.

2. Annexes – Radiological Protection Annex – Public Health Annex.

Ms. Sheay stated that the municipality is required to maintain both annexes as a part of their emergency operations plan. The County Dept. of Health is the response agency. The Public Health Annex is really specific to emergencies. Since the County Dept. of Health is the response agency to a Radiological incident or anything that falls under a public health emergency, if there is a health issue and the emergency operations center opens up and they need a health person, the way it is covered in the plan is that the County would do that, but if they can't then the Board of Health is the back up.

Ms. Vaccarella stated there has never been an incident where the County wasn't available. There is information available on the County website.

Chair Nugent summarized that the annex is a plan of how the township interrelates with the County, and then the County interrelates with the State. Most importantly, there is a possibility of us, the BOH, being mobilized to participate in those annexes. The Chair is first up, followed by the other members of the board.

Ms. Vaccarella stated that copies of the annexes could be forwarded to Mr. Beckley and Ms. Hobbs.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Partnership meeting, March 5, 2010 - Summary and handouts “Hunterdon is NJ’s Healthiest County”, “County Health Rankings – Snapshot 2010” and “County Health Rankings: Factors Considered”.
Chair Nugent stated this information was provided by Ms. Butula, from the Partnership meetings that she has been attending.

Ms. Sheay stated this is information that is available online. The board members may want to look at www.countyhealthrankings.org, Hunterdon County is ranked number 1 overall.

There was some discussion of where Hunterdon County’s rankings were high.

F. APPROVALS

Category A. – Single Lots

1. Block 46/Lot 24.02 – Hoffman, Ruggieri, Cole Road.

Escrow fees paid 3/8/10, Ck# 321, \$750.00.

Mr. Kurt Hoffman, NJ licensed engineer appeared before the board. Mr. and Mrs. Ruggieri were also in the audience. This application is for Block 46/Lot 24.02, 97 Cole Road. This property has an existing 4 bedroom dwelling with a malfunctioning septic system. An alteration septic design has been provided, there is no expansion or change of use, the proposed system is a gravity system, with a new 1,000 gallon tank and a 21 X 50 gravity fed septic system. Soil logs #5 and #6 are used for design along with basin flood #2. The system does not require any waivers for design, they are seeking approval for the soil logs and soil testing performed on the site.

Chair Nugent noted that the proposal is for a gravity system, and asked how the existing system failed ?

Mr. Hoffman stated that the septic was inspected by Bob Osborne, Castle Home Inspections, there is effluent within the gravel in the existing system and also during the soil log digging on the property, the same scenario was discovered. This was attributed to the lack of maintenance. The soils in the upper horizon were poor, other basin floods were attempted in basin flood 1 and soil log 2. There was poor permeability in the upper horizon.

Ms. Albrecht asked the age of the home ?

Mr. Hoffman stated 30 – 35 years.

There was some discussion of the tank replacement and the existing trees remaining.

Chair Nugent asked if there were any other questions from the board ?

There were no additional questions or concerns.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Sheay for approval of the application for Block 46/Lot 24.02, 97 Cole Road, existing 4 bedroom house. The applicant is Mr. Mike Ruggieri, the engineer is Kurt Hoffman, there are two surveys, property by Edward S. Dec dated 1/29/10; and topography by Nicholas Lebo dated 1/20/20. Correspondence is from the Hunterdon County Dept. of Health dated 3/4/10. This application is for an alteration with no expansion, the system will be gravity fed, mounded soil replacement, there will be the installation of a 1,000 gallon septic tank. There is a report on the presence/absence of wetlands from Jeff Tariela dated 1/20/10, stating that there are no wetlands or wetland transition areas within 50' of the proposed system. The map is titled Septic Design for Mike Ruggieri, Block 46/Lot 24.02, Readington Township, dated 2/15/10, revision 3/1/10 noted per HCDH on sheet 1 of 6. The soil logs were done 1/14/10, soil log 5, @ 122", mottling @ 36", no ground water, no hydraulically restrictive horizon. Soil log 6, @ 123", no mottling, no ground water, no hydraulically restrictive horizon. Permeability was basin flood BF2, done 1/14/10 – 1/15/10, @ 7.67', passing. The design will be based on soil log 5, regional water set at 36", due to mottling. This motion was seconded by Ms. Albrecht. On roll call vote the following was recorded:

Ms. Albrecht	Aye	Ms. Sheay	Aye	Chair Nugent	Aye
Ms. Muir	Aye	Ms. Simon	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