

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

February 16, 2011

Chair William C. Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:20 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	absent
Jane Butula	present	Tanya Rohrbach	present	Donna Simon	present
Beatrice Muir	absent				

Also Present: Hunterdon County Health Dept.: Deb Vaccarella
Board of Health Engineer, Ferriero Engineering, Inc. representative Joe Kosinski

Hunterdon County Department of Health Presentation – Register Ready

Mr. John McGuinnis from Hunterdon County Department of Health presented the “Register Ready” state run program. The role of the Department of Health is to educate the residents of the county, and to encourage people to self-identify any special needs that they have in the event that a public health emergency should arise. This is a voluntary program that is being implemented throughout the state of New Jersey. The program initiated in 2008 in the coastal communities for identification of special needs residents during hurricane evacuation. September 11, and other instances raised the concern with counties that there wasn’t a program to truly identify the special needs population.

Mr. McGuinnis stated that the Dept. of Human Services and Office of Emergency Management both at the County and State level and the Hunterdon County Department of Health are working together to implement this program through out the state. These three agencies will have access to this database, so that plans can be made to identify where these populations are. Specific medical information is not required if that is the wish of the individual. All information is kept confidential.

Registration may be done online, go to: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us or www.registerready.nj.gov or by phone: 2-1-1 or Hunterdon Helpline at 1-800-272-4630.

There was some discussion by the board and audience participants. The board agreed to follow-up with Mr. McGuinnis on their accomplishments.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of November 17, 2010. (- Rohrbach, Sheay, Simon vote).

Deferred.

2. Minutes of January 19, 2011. (-Butula vote).

Deferred.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **American Lung Association** – email dated 1/20/11 regarding Tobacco Control.

2. **HCDH** – email dated 1/25/11 – Summary of NJ Animal Rabies Cases for 2010 by County and Species.

Ms. Butula noted that the rabies cases in Hunterdon County for 2010 was primarily raccoons, and there were 2 cases of rabies in bats.

3. **Dept. of Health & Human Svcs.** – 2010 Report of the Surgeon General: *How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease.* www.surgeongeneral.gov Publication on file @ Board of Health Office.

4. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 1/22/11 regarding oil fuel.

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7. **HCDH LINCS** – dated 1/14/11 – Public Health UPDATE - MMWR Week 1, week ending 1/8/11.

Chair Nugent noted the number of cases in Hunterdon County.

8. **HCDH LINCS** – dated 1/28/11 – Public Health UPDATE - MMWR Week 3, week ending 1/22/11.

9. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 1/26/11 regarding natural gas.

10. **Block 10.01/Lot 3** – NJDEP –dated 1/26/11 – No further action letter.

11. **NJDEP Release dated 2/4/11:** DEP to Hold Public Meeting on Proposed Draft Sewer Service Area Map in Hunterdon County.

Chair Nugent stated that a septic management meeting was attended in 2008 at the County, and he wanted to contact the BOH engineer for input. Ms. Butula requested that Ferriero Engineer contact the township engineer. Mr. Kosinski stated that they would check on it. Ms. Simon stated that she would be attending

this meeting along with Ms. Allen and the township engineer. Chair Nugent stated that he would also attend.

12. NJDEP Release dated 1/31/11: DEP Issues Major Penalty for Improper Bedbug Spraying -
<http://jnaes.rutgers.edu/county>

Chair Nugent cautioned that residents should be certain that a licensed operator is called to treat this problem in their homes. Ms. Butula stated that there isn't an effective tool against this, although there is ongoing research in this area.

C. SEPTIC REPAIRS

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Rabies Clinic – January 22, 2011, Readington Township Garage/Recycling Center.

Ms. Petzinger stated that there were 97 animals inoculated, 72 dogs and 25 cats. Several residents took the opportunity to drop off their dog license application forms and the tags would be issued to those residents by mail. Ms. Butula referred to item B. 2., that cats are the most vulnerable to getting rabies because they're out among the raccoons, etc. Ms. Petzinger stated that there is a large population of farm and feral cats in Hunterdon county. Ms. Albrecht asked about licensing the dogs, and pointed out that in some other townships the rabies certificates are only required when the resident is updating the rabies inoculation date.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Septic Maintenance Advisory for Residents.

Chair Nugent stated that it is time for the tri-annual publication of the resident advisory.

There was some discussion of publishing the article in the Readington News, or including something with the tax bill.

Ms. Vaccarella suggested contacting other municipalities to find out how they are informing residents.

Mr. Kosinski stated that one of the major components of the septic management work plan is to have residents maintain their own septic systems through documentation, maintenance and education. Their firm has suggested to other municipalities that notifications be sent out with the tax records to inform residents that their septic tanks should be pumped and a receipt provided to the township as documentation that their system is being maintained.

Ms. Butula stated that that is what had been proposed, however, they hadn't suggested the residents return a receipt.

Chair Nugent stated that he felt it was part of NJ State Code that this is still a requirement.

Ms. Butula asked Mr. Kosinski and Ms. Vaccarella if they felt that this education component of the work plan is going to be effective in 2011 ?

Mr. Kosinski stated that the plan has been pushed back several times, the current deadline is April 2011. As of right now he had not heard otherwise.

Ms. Butula stated that the board should decide whether or not to move ahead, they would have to contact the Administrator, and if they have the mechanism to do it, or if they can wait until 2012.

Chair Nugent stated if the education requirement is still within the code, the board may be obligated to stay within the 3 year timeframe, and perhaps something could be sent out with the 3 July 2011 tax mailing.

F. APPROVALS

Category A. – Single Lots

Heard @ 8:40 p.m.:

1. Block 41/Lot 4 – Biggs Engineering, Martz, Mitchell Road.

Escrow fees paid 2/2/11, Ck# 683, \$750.00.

Mr. Jess Symonds, Biggs Engineering, licensed professional engineer in NJ appeared before the board. This application is for an alteration of a malfunctioning system. The existing system consists of an existing concrete septic tank which seems to be functioning properly. It was updated in the past with a cast iron lid and baffle repair. There is an existing single lateral which during the wet times of year malfunctions and surfaces. Four soil logs and one basin flood were performed on 12/20/10. Two logs were done on the east side of the site, the shale was very

tight and none of the water left. Two other logs were dug on the southwestern side, and a successful basin flood was performed there. The proposed design is a slightly mounded, fill enclosed soil replacement with a pump tank. Ms. Butula asked for verbal testimony on notes 4 and 6, page 1.

Mr. Symonds stated that the wells within 150' of the disposal bed have been located, 4 wells are shown on the plan. The well on lot 1 is on the other side of the dwelling. Lot 12 the well is on Mitchell Road and is approximately 300' from the property corner.

Chair Nugent asked if there were any other questions or comments.

There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Butula for approval of Block 41/Lot 4, 13 Mitchell Road. This is a 3 bedroom residence. The map is named Septic Design for Samuel and Christine Martz, Block 41/Lot 4, Readington Township, Hunterdon County, NJ, pages 1 – 6, dated 1/7/11, revision 1/25/11, prepared by Jess H. Symonds, PE. The surveyor is Terrill M. Essig, survey done 1/27/11. Hunterdon County report is dated 2/1/11. This is an alteration with no expansion, gravity dosed, mounded soil replacement system with an accompanying pump and the deed restriction and maintenance. For the primary and only, testing was done 12/20/10, soil log 3, @ 126", no mottling, no groundwater. Soil log 4 @ 98", no mottling, no groundwater. Permeability was basin flood 1, done 12/20/10 @ 88", passing.

This motion was seconded by Ms. Albrecht, on roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Ms. Albrecht	Aye	Ms. Simon	Aye
Ms. Butula	Aye	Chair Nugent	Aye

Heard @ 8:50 p.m.:

2. Block 18/Lot 10 – Bayer-Risse Engr., Olsen, Route 22 West

Escrow fees paid 2/7/11, ck#214, \$750.

Previously approved 4/21/10.

Mr. Bill Jupinka, Bayer-Risse Engineering, licensed professional engineer in NJ appeared before the board. This application was approved by this board last April 21, 2010, for an expansion of the home to 4 bedrooms. The applicant found that it was not feasible to restructure that house in its current location, so it was determined to build a new 4 bedroom house. The location of the new house would encroach on the previously approved septic area, so an additional soil log was dug. Basically the field is moved down and rotated slightly to be 25' from the house and meet the setback distances of the property line and driveway. The new soil log and the logs from 2010 determined the soil to be a clay loam to about 12', then there was a sandy loam, K-4. There was no regional zone of saturation or mottling shown within the log or within the logs the year before.

Ms. Butula stated that it is customary that during new construction with an old well on the property, the board asks for a test for potability of the well. It would be advisable to the applicant to test the well prior to any further construction.

Mr. Jupinka stated that the well may have already been tested, he would contact the applicant.

Ms. Butula asked that the well water test results be provided to this board within 2 weeks.

Ms. Butula confirmed that this is zoned residential.

Mr. Jupinka stated yes, it is.

Chair Nugent noted that the engineer is recommending an effluent filter.

Mr. Jupinka stated yes, and the maintenance is not to surpass 3 years. The homeowner is aware of this.

Chair Nugent asked what the acreage of the property is ?

Mr. Jupinka stated .6 acres, which falls below the 1.5 acre regulation for a reserve area.

Ms. Butula confirmed that the proposed system is still a soil replacement bottom lined gravity distribution disposal bed.

Mr. Jupinka stated yes, nothing has changed.

Chair Nugent asked if there were any other questions or comments.

There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Butula for approval of Block 18/Lot 10, new construction proposed 4 bedroom dwelling at 379 Route 22 West, Readington Township. The demolition has already occurred on the original 3 bedroom house, as testimony from the engineer and written documents from the Board of Health office. The map is named Septic System Alteration Design for Nelson Olsen Block 18/Lot 10, Readington Township,

Hunterdon County, New Jersey, dated 3/31/10, revision 1/31/11, pages 1 – 8 prepared by Stephen M. Risse, PE in New Jersey. Surveyor map is dated 3/26/10, by Charles E. Saladin Jr., licensed L.S. in NJ. Ferriero Engineering reports are dated 4/15/10, and 2/8/11. This is new construction, soil replacement bottom lined gravity distribution disposal bed. For the primary and only area due to the size of the lot at 0.6 acres, soil log 0121-2, 1/21/10, @ 202", no seepage, no mottling. Soil log 0119-1, 1/19/11, @ 185", no mottling, small amount of seepage. Permeability test was a textural analysis, or soil permeability class rating #3, @ 185", with a replicate, done 1/19/11, K-4. The other test was 1/21/10, textural analysis or soil permeability class #2, @ 192", with a replicate, and was also K-4. In season ground water monitoring was done in soil log 0121-2, from 1/23/10 – 3/13/10, on 3/6/10 there was ground water @ 150" determining the regional zone @ 150". There is a request that the engineer will comply with letting the board know whether or not there was well testing done, if not the board is asking that it be done. A corrected copy of the Form 2b, regional zone, dated 2/9/11 was submitted. This is a new motion for this Block and Lot, which rescinds the motion of approval made on April 21, 2010, this motion replaces that motion and grants approval for the new construction.

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

Ms. Albrecht	Aye	Ms. Simon	Aye
Ms. Butula	Aye	Chair Nugent	Aye

Mr. Jupinka thanked the board.

G. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Albrecht to adjourn at 9:10 pm, seconded by Ms. Simon with a vote of Ayes all, Nays, none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Petzinger
Board of Health Secretary