

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**February 17, 2016 7:00 p.m.**  
**Readington Township Municipal Building**  
**Municipal Courtroom - Room # 100**  
**509 County Road 523, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889**

Acting Chair William C. Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. 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	John Kalinich	present	Tanya Rohrbach	absent
Jane Butula	present	Beatrice Muir	present	Wendy Sheay	absent
Robert Colburn	absent	William C. Nugent	present		

**Also in attendance:** Board of Health Engineer, Ferriero Engineering representative Joe Kosinski

**Not in attendance:** Hunterdon County Division of Public Health

Rutgers public health major and township resident Julie Ann Ferraro attended the meeting.

**SWEARING IN OF MEMBER –**

Jane Butula - for a term of three years.

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**1. Minutes** of 1/20/16.

A motion was made by Ms. Muir, seconded by Ms. Albrecht for approval of the 1/20/16 minutes.

Corrections were noted on pgs. 3 and 4.

A motion was made by Ms. Muir, seconded by Ms. Albrecht to amend the minutes as noted, and approval for the 1/20/16 minutes.

On roll call vote the following was recorded:

Ms. Albrecht Aye      Mr. Kalinich Aye      Ms. Muir Aye      Chair Nugent Aye

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. NALBOH – Newsbrief – Winter 2016. Vol.1 Issue 1.**

**2. Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 1/28/16 regarding oil heating 2.

**3. Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 1/9/16 regarding oil heating 2.

**4. PSEG – Application submission to NJDEP.** (*complete app. @ Clerk's office*).

**5. HC LINCS – dated 1/26/16 Requirements for Dog Licensure in NJ.** (*complete cc available from BOH*).

*Ms. Petzinger stated that this has been forwarded to the Dog Licensing Official. One significant change is that the door to door dog census is no longer a requirement.*

**6. Block 38/Lot 50.02 - NJDEP letter - classification exception area/well restriction area.** (*complete app. @ BOH office*).

**7. Block 48/Lot 11.01 – HCHD – Final notice of violation.**

*Noted.*

**8. Block 21.13/Lot 8 – Quest Env. – Potable Well Sampling results.** (*complete cc @ BOH office*).

**9. Block 9/Lots 19, 20 & 21- Menlo Engr. – Freshwater Wetlands LOI.** (*complete app. @ BOH office*).

**10. HCHD letter dated 3/1/16 – State Pesticide Control Regulations.** [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us).

National Pesticide information – 800-858-7378; NJDEP Pesticide 609-984-6057

**11. Block 14/Lot 49 – APEX – letter dated 1/7/16 - Potable Water Sampling.**

**12. Block 14/Lot 49 – APEX – letter dated 1/8/16 – Response Action Outcome.**

*Chair Nugent noted that this was a fuel tank in the back building that leaked onto the roadway parking area in back as well as the lawn property. Ms. Butula noted that it seems like it has been well taken care of.*

**13. HC LINCS – dated 1/11/16 HSEEP 3-Day Training Course.**

**14. HC LINCS – dated 1/25/16 Basic Course for Principles of Infection Prevention and Control.**

**15. HC LINCS – dated 1/25/16 Public Health Advisory – CDC Urging Dialysis Providers and Facilities to Assess and Improve Infection Control Practices.** (*complete pkt. @ BOH office*). [www.cdc.gov/dialysis/](http://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/)

*Ms. Butula noted that people using dialysis are already so compromised, this compulsory reporting with penalties is a good step.*

**16. Block 13/Lot 25 – ANCO Env. – Indoor air sampling.**

*There was some discussion of this site, including the concern of groundwater contamination.*

17. NJDEP - dated 12/21/15 – Updates to airport screening for Ebola.
18. NJDEP - dated 1/14/16 – Zika Virus Disease : Guidelines for Reporting. [www.cdc.gov/zika](http://www.cdc.gov/zika)  
[www.cdc.gov/zika/geo](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo)
19. HC LINCS – dated 2/5/16 - NJDOH – Zika virus – public information update/phone script.
20. HC LINCS – dated 2/5/16 – Public Health Update. (*documents listed are on file @ BOH office*).

### C. OLD BUSINESS

#### D. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Veto on bill to raise NJ smoking age to 21.

*Ms. Butula stated that everyone involved in the Partnership/Coalition responded, and sent letters. The veto as stated online noted the small business profit loss from the 18 – 20 year olds who would not be stopping in for purchases along with smoking items.*

*Chair Nugent stated that at last months meeting, it was determined to send a letter to the Governor's office, along with the support of the Township Committee.*

*A Motion was made by Ms. Butula, seconded by Ms. Albrecht to submit the draft letter to the Governor's office, with a copy to the Township Committee.*

*The motion passes with a vote of Ayes all, Nays, none recorded.*

##### 2. BOH Meeting date change confirmed for December 14, 2016, due to Christmas holiday.

*Noted.*

##### 3. Rabies Clinic – Saturday, February 6, 2016. [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health/rabiesclinics.htm](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health/rabiesclinics.htm)

*Ms. Petzinger stated this was the busiest clinic held to date. The clinic ran smoothly, with a total of 214 animals vaccinated.*

##### 4. Hunterdon Somerset Safe Communities Coalition.

*Ms. Butula stated that the coalition has been invited to a townhall meeting in April to present information on the heroin problem in Hunterdon County. It will be held at the Middle School, details will be advertised on the township website.*

### E. APPROVALS

#### Alteration/No Expansion:

*Time heard 7:36 pm*

##### 1. Block 55/Lot 13.14 – Kearney Consulting Engineers, Gale, 5 Dalley Street.

Escrow fees paid 1/11/16, ck.#6576, \$750.00

Mr. John Kearney, NJ licensed engineer appeared before the board. This septic system proposed alteration is pursuant to a real estate transaction. This is a 4 bedroom existing house, with swimming pool on the property. The septic system inspection failed. The proposed system is an enclosed, mounded, soil replacement system, pumped and gravity dosed. The system will have to go on the highest side of the house due to streams, the configuration of the lot and location of wells, etc. Testing was done on 11/13/15, basin flood was positive. Acting Chair Nugent stated on sheet 1 of 4, there is a general note 2 indicating that all piping to disposal field will be a minimum of 4" scheduled PVC.

Mr. Kearney stated all piping to disposal field is 4", the force main to it is a smaller diameter. The general note should be corrected to 3". Mr. Kearney stated that he would have corrected copies of the plans to the BOH office within 5 business days. A marker label should also be placed on the tank.

Ms. Butula asked if Mr. Kearney had walked the property and could testify that there are no wetlands, or wetland transition areas. Also, General Note 5, 20, and 21. reference adjoining wells, other septic beds and state open waters, and no wetlands, or wetland transition areas.

Mr. Kearney stated yes, he has walked the property, and there are no wetlands, or wetland transition areas on the

property.

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

There was no response.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Butula for approval as follows:

Block: 55 Lot: 13.14

Street location: 5 Dalley Street # of Bedrooms: 4

Name of owner: John and MaryAnn Gale

Map Title: Septic System Design for John Gale in Readington Township, Hunterdon Co.NJ. ,

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Map Date: 12/9/15 Map Revisions: 12/21/15 Prepared By: John H. Kearney, P.E.

Survey(s): Boundary: Wayne Holman, P.L.S., 7/7/1976

Report(s): Hunterdon County Dept. of Public Safety Div. of Public Health Svcs., 1/6/16 .

Proposed System Specifications: Proposed alteration with no expansion, mounded soil replacement, pump, gravity flow, existing 1,000 gallon single compartment tank with effluent filter. Maintenance instructions have been provided to the owners, including the filing of the deed restriction and follow up.

Soil testing results: 11/12/15, Soil log 1, @ 102", no mottling, no groundwater. Soil log 2, @ 102", no mottling, no groundwater. Permeability was BF1, 11/12 – 13/2015, soil log 1 @ 78", passing. There is no regional water.

A waiver is granted for the pump used in the system, the deed restriction must be filed at the Hunterdon County Clerk's office and a copy provided to the BOH office. The present owners are aware of the deed restriction and effluent filter and maintenance. A copy of the corrections as mentioned will be provided to the BOH office and County within 5 business days.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Albrecht. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Ms. Albrecht Aye Ms. Muir Aye Chair Nugent Aye

Ms. Butula Aye Mr. Kalinich Aye

*Time heard 7:56 pm*

**2. Block 36/Lot 33 – Kearney Consulting Engineers, Whitlock, 69 Pulaski Road.**

Escrow fees paid 02/01/16, ck.# 3642, \$750.00

Mr. John Kearney, NJ licensed engineer appeared before the board. This septic system proposed alteration is pursuant to a real estate transaction, and the cesspool is required to be upgraded. This a 2 bedroom home located at the corner of Pulaski and Coddington Roads. The lot is about 1/3 of an acre. This will be a conventional gravity system. Based on soil tests done 9/29/- 30/2015,

the test was a basin flood with 2 soil logs. There was no water or mottling.

Acting Chair Nugent asked about the note on the left hand side of the plan that references the cesspool indicating that it will be pumped and abandoned, there is no reference to it being crushed or backfilled, will it just be abandoned in place?

Mr. Kearney stated there is a sentence missing, stating that it will be abandoned, collapsed, and backfilled under the supervision of HCHD.

Ms. Butula confirmed that Mr. Kearney did the topo and that he had walked the property and could testify that there are no wetlands, or wetland transition areas. Also under General Notes 5, 20., 21, there are no adjoining wells within 100' or septic within 50' of the new bed.

Mr. Kearney stated yes to all of the above.

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

There was no response.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Butula for approval as follows:

Block: 36 Lot: 33

Street location: 69 Pulaski Road # of Bedrooms: 2

Name of owner: Larry Whitlock

Map Title: Septic System Design for Lawrence Whitlock in Readington Township, Hunterdon Co.NJ. ,

# Pages(map): 1 - 4

Map Date: 12/16/15 Map Revisions: 1/11/16 Prepared By: John H. Kearney, P.E.

Survey(s): Boundary: Andrew Drysdale, P.L.S., 12/12/1990; Topo: John Kearney

Report(s): Hunterdon County Dept. of Public Safety Div. of Public Health Svcs., 1/25/16.

Proposed System Specifications: Proposed alteration with no expansion, bottom lined, soil replacement, gravity flow, 1,000 gallon single compartment tank with effluent filter.

Soil testing results: 9/29/15, Soil log 1, @ 115", no mottling, no groundwater. Soil log 2, @ 115, no mottling, no groundwater. Permeability was BF1, 9/29 – 30/2015 @ 115" in soil log 2, passing. There is no regional water. The present owners are aware of the effluent filter and maintenance.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Muir. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Ms. Albrecht	Aye	Mr. Kalinich	Aye	Chair Nugent	Aye
Ms. Butula	Aye	Ms. Muir	Aye		

*Time heard 8:10 pm*

**3. Block 69/Lot 11 – Parker Engineering, Swartz, 30 Centerville Road.**

Escrow fees paid 1/6/16, ck.#1540, \$750.00

Mr. Steve Parker, Parker Engineering, NJ licensed engineer appeared before the board. Mr. Swartz, homeowner was also in attendance. Mr. Parker stated that this proposed system is due to some declining performance in the existing system, it is not a real estate transaction. The testing was started with Mr. Doug Fine last year, and the design is now submitted for a proposed system for the 3 bedroom home. Due to the shape of the property, location of the well, and some ditches on the property the available area is limited. Testing was performed twice, and a successful pitbail test was performed in December. This is a mounded system due to high ground water, evidence was at 24" below grade, so the system is designed to provide the 4' zone of treatment. There is a proposed pump, the field will be abandoned, they are proposing to keep the tank if possible, and it will be fitted with an effluent filter if the tank permits it. Soil log 5 was used for design purposes.

Ms. Butula asked if Mr. Parker has visualized the tank ?

Mr. Parker stated no, just from the surface. There is a note on the plan to inspect it when it is pumped out. There are no wetlands or transition areas within 150' of the proposed system.

Ms. Butula asked if the ditch along the property contains water, and is that an issue?

Mr. Parker stated the state and health code addresses that with the definition of a water course. It is a ditch that carries storm water runoff, and carries water anytime it rains or we get heavy snowmelt. At times, such as September, it is dry. The state health code defines swales and roadside ditches to NOT be watercourses, and he agrees with that. These ditches carry storm water runoff down to a stream about 200' away.

There was some discussion of the water in the ditches, exact location of the ditches, activity during stormy weather, the soil witness logs and timed results, the fact that there was only 1 passing test on the property, and alternate locations on the property, including moving closer to the well, but still remaining at least 50' away.

The board discussed a wetland investigation, and the possibility of applying for a GP25.

The board suggested that Mr. Parker consider restructuring, redesigning, additional testing considering the 4 failed permeability tests, to find the best solution.

The board asked Mr. Swartz if there were any questions? Mr. Swartz recapped his thoughts on the concerns, and stated that he had no further questions.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Butula to adjourn at 9:30 pm, seconded by Mr. Kalinich with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Petzinger