

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

November 19, 2008 7:00 pm

Chair William C. Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:25 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:

Christina Albrecht	absent	Raymond Facinelli	absent	Tanya Rohrbach	absent
Daniel Allen	absent	Beatrice Muir	present	Wendy Sheay	present
Jane Butula	present	William C. Nugent	present		

Also Present: Board of Health Attorney, Marisa A. Taormina, Esq. @ 7:30pm
Hunterdon County Health Dept.: Debra Vaccarella
Board of Health Engineer, Ferriero Engr. representative: Joe Kosinski

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. **Minutes** of September 17, 2008. (*-Facinelli, Rohrbach vote*).

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Muir, seconded by Ms. Sheay to approve the minutes of 9/17/08.

On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Ms. Butula	Aye	Ms. Sheay	Aye
Ms. Muir	Aye	Chair Nugent	Aye

2. **Minutes** of October 15, 2008. (*-Allen, Butula, Muir vote*). **Deferred to 12/17/08.**

B. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 10/8/08 regarding motor oil.

Chair Nugent noted the clean up company was Care Environmental Svcs.

2. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 10/7/08 regarding motor oil.

3. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 10/2/08 regarding motor oil.

4. **Block 4/Lots 47-50, 96,98,99, 100, 102 – 104, 112 44** – letter dated 10/15/08 from EcolSciences.

5. **Block 21.13/Lots 9 – 14** – LOI application.

Ms. Butula stated relates to #15. which states that there are no immediate plans, but the BOH will keep on file.

6. **Block 8/Lot 8** – NJDEP – No further action.

Chair Nugent asked that the Administrative office be asked to include the Code Enforcement Dept. on their copy list with these ‘No further action’ letters.

Ms. Vaccarella suggested that Ms. Petzinger inquire whether or not CE needs more than the front page of the letter, which is what HCHD provides them with.

7. **HCHD - LINCS** – dated 10/24/08 - Public Health Advisory, Outbreak of Salmonella.

Chair Nugent stated the Phila. Dept. of Public Health is working with the CDC on this.

Ms. Butula stated there were outbreaks of this 30 years ago, that is why the law preventing the sale of turtles is 26 years old. Proactive states have prohibited the sale of turtles.

Chair Nugent stated pursuant to NJAC 8:23:21 the sale or distribution of all turtles is prohibited in New Jersey.

8. **HCHD - LINCS** – dated 10/28/08 - Public Health Information – Rabies cases by County.

Chair Nugent noted that since 1989, cats are responsible for 89% of all rabies cases in domestic animals.

9. **Block 63/Lot 50** – NJDEP – GP25 Permit.

10. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 10/2/08 regarding motor oil.

11. **Block 63/Lot 50** – RBZ Enterprises advisory letter.

Chair Nugent stated this also relates to B9. Thanks to the engineering firm for following up.

12. **HCHD** - letter from John Beckley regarding outdoor wood boiler units.

Ms. Butula stated it is important for Code Enforcement to receive this HCHD letter and NJDEP compliance advisory, citing NJAC7:27-3, “Control and Prohibition of Smoke from Combustion of Fuel.

13. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 10/29/08 regarding motor oil.

14. **Block 63/Lot 50** – Hatch Mott MacDonald letter to RT Planning Board regarding GP25.
15. **Block 21.13/ Lots 9 – 14** – Hatch Mott MacDonald letter to RT Planning Board re: LOI.
16. **Letter from Flemington Precast & Supply** dated 11/5/08 re: display at HCHD seminar.
17. **Mr. Caputo's inquiry regarding the pump system deed restriction for Block 1.01/1.03.** *Ms. Taormina stated Mr. Caputo has forwarded the proposed deed to the current owners counsel with the anticipation that they will cooperate and sign it. Mr. Caputo is aware of the filing requirements. Chair Nugent stated that there was an exchange and inquiry on an applicant that had been approved by the BOH, had failed to file the deed restriction prior to this real estate transaction.*

C. SEPTIC REPAIRS - *HCHD status in italics.*

1. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 42/L 8.02. *No work done as of 11/12/08 Ms. Butula stated there is the appearance that there is work being done at this site. Ms. Vaccarella stated it may be a select fill issue, and someone from the County would go out and look into this, it is an ongoing issue.*
2. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 45.03/L 28.19. *Final field on 10/20/08 There was some discussion on this repair. Chair Nugent asked Ms. Petzinger to confirm with the Tax Assessor's office that the number of bedrooms is 5.*
3. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 64/L 24.15. *Final field on 10/21/08 Chair Nugent asked Ms. Petzinger to confirm the number of bedrooms with the Tax office.*
4. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 25/L 42. *No work done as of 11/12/08.*

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Nuisance Code adoption** letter to committee.
Chair Nugent stated it is important for the board members to consider putting this into place to enable our animal control official some recourse in the event that a situation presents itself. There was some discussion of the Public Health Nuisance Code. Ms. Vaccarella stated that this may alleviate some of the problems in that the ACO and the County would have the ability to enforce a clean up or fines and penalties may be imposed. It is possible to have an ordinance requiring vaccinations only, without requiring licenses. Chair Nugent asked that counsel draft an ordinance for the nuisance code, and the feral cat concern would be addressed later.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Feral cats.**
This will be discussed at the next meeting when more members are present.
2. **Water quality management** - The Environmental Commission hosted a "Road Show" sponsored by ANJEC on 10/28/08.
Chair Nugent attended this meeting, which focused on water quality management and the basis behind it. One of the intriguing items was the principal direction of actually to stop moving water off the property, and to allow it to be absorbed onto the property, utilizing more natural absorption devices such as grass and ditches, trying to reduce the impervious layer and get the water absorbed back into the ground in approximately the area where it originated.
3. **Hunterdon County Partnership update.**
Ms. Butula stated that the dental clinic is moving along and showing promise, also the mobile medical clinic is underway, and are close to moving from Lambertville to Flemington, will be shared with Warren County. The donation from this township was for Issue 4, Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco misuse and use, which presented a public health seminar at Mercer County Community College. Ms. Butula has attended one of the clinics, giving out information, and making people aware, and also pointing out the website. Funding is an issue, so personnel are being utilized to move forward.

4. "What's New in Septic System Technologies" presented by HCHD.

Chair Nugent stated that he attended this seminar with Ms. Butula and Ms. Sheay. Some of the newer technologies were presented, including several types of peat moss systems. The state representative Mark Miller gave a presentation that identified changes that have occurred.

5. CERT meeting.

Ms. Sheay stated she attended a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteer program informational meeting last evening at the municipal bldg. A training program will begin mid January. Training will include helping out in the community.

Ms. Vaccarella stated local professionals involved will be giving their expertise back to the community.

6. Flu Clinics.

Ms. Butula stated that she met many people from the Medical Reserve Corps at the flu clinics and they are well trained and ready for anything that may come their way.

F. APPROVALS

Category B. – Subdivisions

1. Block 65/Lot 18.05 (prop.) – Heritage Consult.; Koch, Locust Rd.

Escrow fees paid 5/2/08, Ck# 2179, \$750; 11/19/08, Ck# 2404, \$750.

Previously heard 6/18/08.

Mr. Santowasso, Heritage Consulting Engineers, NJ licensed engineer appeared before the board representing this application. Mr. Santowasso stated that this application has been before the board several times this year. This application was before the Planning Board for two items, when the subdivision was approved the Planning Board made a conditional approval that required that some soil logs be relocated because they were in a conservation easement. The tests were redone in 2007 for the reserve system. The tests associated with the primary system were approved by this board prior to the subdivision approval. This application is now before this board for the reserve bed in addition to having those tests redone in a new location outside the conservation easement, groundwater observation was required because of the time of year that the tests were originally done. At the last appearance before this board, it was requested that all the results, locations be field checked and resubmitted for the boards review along with the groundwater observation work that was done by their firm in March-April of this year.

Chair Nugent stated it had been asked that they comply with 7:9A 3.5 c and d, stating that all testing has to be on the map. The latest map now has the most recent date of 11/4/08, no revisions. Mr. Santowasso stated that is correct, they were conducted by Terrill M. Essig, P.E., in 2/2000, and most recent in 4/2007, also the groundwater observation data that was started by Essig, but finished by Heritage Consulting is listed.

Chair Nugent asked if there were any other outstanding issues.

Mr. Santowasso stated he did not believe so.

Ms. Butula asked if there were any wells on Lot 23.

Mr. Santowasso stated by the inspection and location of basin floods for the primary and reserve areas for this dwelling location, it is much more than 100' away from Lot 23.

Ms. Taormina questioned Ferriero Engineering comment from their most recent 11/10/08 letter regarding the existing dwelling and existing well on the remainder tract.

Mr. Santowasso stated the remaining tract is the original farmhouse. Mr. Santowasso stated that the dwelling is indicated on the original subdivision map. They are well over 100' away.

Chair Nugent asked Mr. Santowasso to confirm that Lot 18.05 is a legal lot.

Mr. Santowasso stated the subdivision has been approved by resolution.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Butula for approval of Block 65/Lot 18.05 consisting of 8.33 acres under the name of Koch on Locust Road, the map is titled Septic System Design for Debbie Koch, Block 65/Lot 18.05, Readington Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. This is a proposed

minor subdivision, new construction in Readington Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, it is from a map dated 1/31/08, revisions 6/11/08, 8/29/08 and 11/4/08, page 4. Prepared by Leo Santowasso, licensed professional engineer in NJ, surveyor was Thomas Yager, done on 10/10/06, pages 4 and 5. Correspondence from Leo Santowasso dated 4/29/08, 6/11/08, 9/3/08 and 11/5/08 and from David Santowasso dated 5/27/08. Ferriero reports are dated 8/16/00, 9/20/00, 5/8/08, 6/5/08, 6/12/08, 8/16/08 and 11/10/08. Report from the township engineer is dated 4/11/06, a wetlands delineation letter from Eastern States and Environ. dated 3/2006. The primary on this subdivided lot was approved by this Board of Health on 9/20/00, motioned by Dr. Allen for Lot 18.02. This approval is for the reserve done 4/23/07, soil log 1 @ 120", no mottling, no seepage, soil log 2 @ 120" with no mottling, no seepage. Permeability was basin flood 1 @ 98" on 4/23/07, passing. In season ground water monitoring from 3/3/08 – 4/21/08, in soil log 1 @ 123", water @ 122" on 3/3/08 – 3/10/08 - 3/17/08. In season ground water monitoring was done in soil log 2, @ 126", regional ground water @ 110.5" on 3/3/08. The level for the regional water is 110.5 as determined by the test on soil log 2.

A **MOTION** was seconded by Ms. Sheay. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Ms. Butula	Aye	Ms. Sheay	Aye
Ms. Muir	Aye	Chair Nugent	Aye

G. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Sheay to adjourn at 9:15 pm, seconded by Ms. Butula with a vote of Ayes all, Nays, none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Petzinger
Board of Health Secretary