

## READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

December 20, 2006 7:00 pm

Chair William C. Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:13pm 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	Raymond Facinelli	present	William C. Nugent	present
Daniel Allen	absent	Beatrice Muir	present	Wendy Sheay	absent
Jane Butula	present				

**Also Present:** Board of Health Attorney: Ms. Marisa Taormina  
Hunterdon County Health Department: Ms. Deb Vaccarella

### A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. **Minutes** of November 15, 2006. (-Facinelli, Sheay vote).

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Muir to **approve** the minutes of 11/15/06.

This motion was seconded by Ms. Butula.

There were no corrections. Chair Nugent complimented Ms. Petzinger on the minutes.

On roll call vote the following was recorded for approval of the 11/15/06 minutes:

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

Chair Nugent stated that pending a poll of the board members, the agenda order would be adjusted to hear the one applicant first, and then correspondence, etc.

A poll of the board members indicated they were all in agreement to rearrange the agenda.

Chair Nugent stated they would move on to Category B. Subdivisions, Block 55/Lot 7.01 Parker Engineering, Rolling Meadows, Groendyke Rd./Roosevelt Rd.

### F. APPROVALS

#### Category B. – Subdivisions

Ms. Taormina stated for the record that by hearing this application first, the board is not setting a precedent for future meetings. This is an exception due to the light agenda.

Chair Nugent stated this application is for a pump system on two lots of a subdivision that has already been approved by the Planning Board. An overview of the subdivision and the status will be done before individual lots are discussed, beginning with lot 7.06. There is a letter at each station from HCHD pursuant to their review of the material submitted, as well as a letter from Ferriero Engineering.

#### 1. Block 55/Lot 7.01 – Parker Engr., Rolling Meadows, Groendyke Rd./Roosevelt Rd.

Previously heard Jan. 19, 2000, Feb. 16, 2000, May 3, 2000, June 28, 2000, Aug. 9, 2000, May 16, 2001, June 20, 2001, July 18, 2001, Sept. 19, 2001, December 19, 2001, January 16, 2002, Feb.20, 2002, Mrach 19, 2003, May 21, 2003, May 18, 2005.

Escrow fees paid 10/10/06, Check #1191 \$500.00; 10/16/06, Check#1201 \$4,507.50

Ms. Lloyd Tubman, Archer and Greiner, represented Rolling Meadows of Readington, LLC, having preliminary subdivision approval given 6/13/05 by resolution, before the board. Septic testing approval has been granted. Two of the lots, 7.06 and 7.07 require pump systems because of topography which is consistent with section 9.1 of the ordinance.

Ms. Erika Busch, Parker Engineering, licensed engineer in the state of NJ also appeared before the board.

Ms. Tubman stated proceeding with Lot 7.06, Ms. Busch would give the rationale for a pump system approval.

Ms. Busch stated they are seeking approval for a pump system because there is no possible way to design the system otherwise, besides raising the house at least 6' above ground, which would require tremendous fill, and tree removal.

Chair Nugent stated regarding the bed locations, the primary has been designated, and the reserve. The separation distances haven't been indicated. Also, to the Roosevelt Rd. side, the wetland buffer, what is the distance from the wetlands to the closest corner of the primary area.

Ms. Busch stated the separation is 15' to 16'. The distance from the wetlands to the closest corner of the primary area is approximately 93'. From the buffer it is approximately 45'.

Ms. Taormina confirmed with Ms. Tubman that the owner is aware of the requirements for the pump system, including the deed restrictions, and filing requirements.

Ms. Tubman stated yes, he is aware of the requirements.

Chair Nugent asked what the relative size of the bed on the map was to the original design that would have been before the Planning Board before it was determined that it had to be a pump.

Ms. Busch stated this is a gravity dosed system, and the size of the bed is determined by the number of bedrooms in the house.

Chair Nugent noted in the township engineer's review of the subdivision, the 100' stream corridor issue.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Butula for **approval of the applicants request for a pump system** pursuant to local ordinance 268-3 for Block 55, proposed Lot 7.06, formerly Lot 5. This has an accompanied deed restriction which must be filed with the Hunterdon County Clerk. A copy must be given to the Board of Health Secretary within 90 days. The instructions should be passed on to the future owners of the home. This is according to a map, Septic System Design Tax Map Lot 7.06, Block 55 Township of Readington, Hunterdon County New Jersey, dated 5/4/06, revision 10/5/06, correspondence from Ferriero Engineering in regard to this specific issue dated 11/29/06, and a letter from Hunterdon County Health Department dated 12/15/06.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Facinelli, on roll call vote the following was recorded:

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

Chair Nugent stated they would move on to proposed Lot 7.07.

Ms. Tubman asked Ms. Busch to proceed with proposed Lot 7.07 and the rationale for a pump system.

Ms. Busch stated as with the previous lot, this system is mounded, there was no way to get gravity flow, without raising the house, and bringing in up to 1500 cu. yds. of fill into the site which is heavily wooded. It just doesn't warrant a system without a pump.

Chair Nugent stated regarding the reserve area, which soil logs are designated to being used for the reserve area, and would the reserve area have to be a mounded system.

Ms. Busch stated 8B416-2 and 8B610-2, and yes it would have to be a mounded system. The testing was a basin flood at 6.17', the level of infiltration has to be 6' above that.

Chair Nugent asked if the reserve area box is the bed or the toe of the mound.

Ms. Busch stated it is just to show actual bed itself.

Ms. Vaccarella stated a 12/7/06 revision stated that the reserve areas be shifted away from the property line. The piezometers are located on this plat, it is moved away from the property line in order to accommodate the distance requirements as well as all the additional soil testing for the lots that were previously 8.B. and 8.A.

Chair Nugent confirmed that if the reserve area would have to be used, would it also be a pump.

Ms. Busch stated yes, it would.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Butula to amend the previous motion regarding proposed Lot 7.06, formerly Lot 5 in Block 55, this is an addition. An additional revision date is added regarding the map, 12/7/07, commented per Health Department review. This map, signed and sealed has been given to the BOH secretary. Testimony was given by Ms. Vaccarella detailing the request made by HCHD.

This motion to amend the previous motion was seconded by Ms. Albrecht. On roll call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Butula for **approval of the applicants request for a pump system** pursuant to local ordinance 268-3 for Block 55, proposed Lot 7.07, formerly Lot 8B. This is according to a map, Septic System Design Lot 7.07, Block 55 Township of Readington, Hunterdon County New Jersey, prepared by Steven Parker, dated 5/4/06, revisions 10/5/06, and 12/7/06, pursuant to the HCHD review and testified to by Ms. Vaccarella. This has an accompanied deed restriction which must be filed with the Hunterdon County Clerk. A copy must be given to the Board of Health Secretary within 90 days. The instructions should be passed on to the future owners of the home, and notify future home owners of the deed restriction and accompanying care required by them. There is a letter from Hunterdon County Health Department dated 12/15/06, and a report from Ferriero Engineering in regard to this specific issue dated 11/29/06.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Facinelli, on roll call vote the following was recorded:

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

Ms. Tubman thanked the board members, and also for taking this application out of agenda order.

Chair Nugent stated returning to the regular agenda order, they would begin with B. CORRESPONDENCE.

## **B. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1. NALBOH newsletter.**

**Ms. Butula stated there was a good summation of the MRC, Emergency Preparedness, and Pandemic Influenza, Pg. 6 gives a checklist which our agent HCHD is involved in, we should all be aware of the Health Depts. role, and the elements of the plan. Also on page 4, the MRC**

*Technical Assistance Series should be in the BOH files; and also on page 7, the Protect Ground Water article.*

*Chair Nugent asked that the checklist from NALBOH.org be extracted and distributed to all the board members. Also, in the President's Message a voluntary national accreditation program is mentioned; Pg. 2 notes 1 in 3 American children are overweight, or at risk; Pg. 3 is a renewal application; Pg. 4 Oral health, Ms. Butula noted that HCHD is working on this; Pg. 5 Tobacco Free USA; Pg.7 E Coli outbreak.*

*There was some discussion of topics for future newsletter articles, including cleaner water. The board is interested in educating the public with regard to protecting our pristine well water. The application of fertilizers and chemicals, for example, as used with rotary spreaders was noted as a concern. The use of drop spreaders was noted as a suggestion.*

*Ms. Albrecht suggested that the Environmental Commission be contacted to coordinate concerns.*

2. **NJDEP** - letter dated 11/10/06 regarding Radon Action Month 1/2007.

*Radon Awareness Materials ordered and placed in lobby.*

*List of events/info sent in, including newsletter article, radon kits and free material available, and radon awareness info and link on township webpage.*

3. **NJDEP** - letter dated 11/06 regarding NJDEP Application submitted by Transco. (faxed/mailed to board members 11/30/06).

4. **Block 39/Lot 59** - ETI letter dated 11/29/06 – request for LOI.

5. **NJDEP** – Denial of renewal of NJPDES permit.

*Ms. Butula noted that this was a denial of the renewal of an NJPDES permit. The Planning Board chair and Env. Commission testified before the state presenting the case for how this would effect Readington Township. Chair Nugent noted the mention of the Tewksbury Twp. wastewater mgmt. plan, and asked that Ms. Petzinger look into getting a copy of the plan..*

6. **JCP&L** – Municipal Notification.

- a. **Memo from township engineer** dated 12/11/06 regarding JCP&L notification.

*Chair Nugent noted that per this memo, the notice did not include the attached map, it was requested that a follow up would include the procedure followed for providing/receiving documents for review.*

7. **Block 21/Lot 14** – HCHD letter regarding construction referral for proposed dog grooming business.

8. **HCHD LINCS** - dated 12/7/06 – Public Health Advisory regarding E. coli.

*There was some discussion of hand washing practices.*

9. **HCHD LINCS** - dated 11/14/06 – Public Health Info regarding newsletter.

10. **HCHD LINCS** - dated 11/16/06 – Public Health Advisory – National Influenza Vaccination Week 11/27/06 – 12/8/06.

*Noted.*

11. **HCHD LINCS** - dated 11/30/06 – Public Health Info - Vaccine for Health Care Workers.

*Noted.*

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

1. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, 44/L 43.01. final field on 11/29/06
2. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 70/L 19.11. final field 11/29/06
3. Septic System Repair Appl.from HCHD, B36/L49. No work done as of 12/12/06 part of demolition.
4. Septic System Repair Appl. from HCHD, B15/L27. No work done as of 12/12/06 part of demolition.
5. Septic System Repair Appl. from HCHD, B79.01/L11. No work done as of 12/12/06 part of demolition.

#### **D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **11/20/06 letter to St. Hubert's Giralda** regarding donations from 11/18/06 rabies clinic.
  - 1.a. **12/11/06 letter from St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center** thanking the residents of Readington Township for their donations.

Chair Nugent thanked Ms. Petzinger for arranging this donation procedure in conjunction with the Rabies Clinics. Ms. Butula suggested posting the complete "St. Huberts' Wish List" on the township webpage.

2. **First Responders required courses are IS 100 Intro to Incident Command and IS 700 (NIMS) National Incident Management System online at:**

<http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp>

**The courses will also be offered in house on Tuesday, 1/9/06, and Tuesday, 1/16/06.**

**The Board of Health first responders are welcome to attend.**

There was some discussion as to whether or not the Board of Health members are actually First Responders.

#### **E. New Business**

1. **Revision of Ordinance 98-04 - escrow fees.**

Chair Nugent stated the draft of this ordinance was brought about to change the fee schedule for Board of Health escrow fees. The increases were established primarily by averaging statistical data on recent applications.

The data was reviewed by the board members and there was some discussion on the types of applications submitted and the escrow fees charged.

It was determined by a poll of the board to go ahead with the First Reading of this amendment at the January 17, 2007 meeting, pending input by the township CFO.

2. **Rabies Clinic 1/20/07 – Free rabies clinic for dogs/cats @ Recycling Garage, Mountain Road.** (Posted on [www.readingtontwp-nj.org](http://www.readingtontwp-nj.org) News & Events).

**Chair Nugent stated the next rabies clinic is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2007.**

Chair Nugent noted that two members would be coming up for reappointment in 2007, Ms. Butula and Ms. Albrecht have agreed to accept the 3 year terms. Chair Nugent thanked Ms. Petzinger and Ms. Taormina for their support over the past year.

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Petzinger  
Board of Health Secretary