

Board of Health Meeting

October 2, 2017

Present: Gerald Maher, Chairman, Tyler Nims, Vice-Chairman, Mark MacDonald, Clerk, Peter Falabella, Director of Public Health.

The Board of Health Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 560 Spring St (C17-01-06) – Bob Crawford, EET presenting. Rick Verni, owner present. The lot is a 89,000 sq. ft. lot with an existing barn and wetlands covering a large area. The proposal is to tear down the barn and construct a 3 bedroom home. A 1500 gallon septic tank, and pump chamber that is pressure dosed to a leaching system of chambers is proposed. Local variances requested include (a) leaching system to wetlands at 53', (b) septic tank to wetlands at 50', and (c) pump chamber to wetlands at 44'. Mr. Nims asked how the reserve area was calculated. Mr. Crawford explained the irregular shape of the reserve area. The BOH members and Mr. Falabella indicated that they would like to see advanced treatment for the septic system in this situation. Mr. Verni stated that the house would have the same footprint as the barn. After some discussion, the BOH voted 3-0 to approve the local variances with the conditions that an alternative system would be prepared and submitted to the BOH for approval, and that calculations for the reserve area would be submitted for review by both Mr. Nims and Mr. Falabella.

7:35 Discussion re: Bylaw for Plastic Bags – Carol Robinson, Jeanne Ryer and Stefan Buckler attending. Ms. Robinson presented a proposed Town Bylaw similar to Plymouth's which would ban the distribution of plastic bags by retailers, and presented facts and statistics on the use of plastic bags and the harm to the environment. 55 Communities in Massachusetts have passed such a Bylaw. Gerald Maher stated that he did not favor an exemption in the Bylaw that would allow smaller retailers to continue with plastic bag use. Mr. MacDonald indicated that the Mass Food Association for Grocers has supported some bills in the legislature proposing another approach to reduction of plastic bag use. The BOH members agreed that plastic bags were not good for the environment and that they would contact Mr. Roche and/or the Mass. Food Association to hear what type of approach they would take on this issue. The BOH would meet again on October 23, 2017 with all parties to discuss this matter in more detail.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m.

