

**Marshfield Board of Health  
February 23, 2015**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Present was Gerry Maher, Chairman, Mark MacDonald, Vice Chairman, Tyler Nims, Clerk, Peter Falabella, Director and Matt Tanis, Assistant Director.**

**7:05 : 2205 Main Street / dewatered perc :**

**Greg Morse and Steve Hassett** were present from Morse engineering to request permission to conduct dewatered perc test on the property located at 2205 Main Street. Greg Morse discussed that soil tests have already been conducted at this site and while 4 passed, many others did not. Greg Morse felt that the failures were a result of high groundwater and that there was weeping at or above the perc shelf. Greg Morse outlined to the board his design and layout of the dewatered perc holes and water drainage. Greg Morse stated that he had approval from Conservation for the water discharge to which Gerry Maher commented that Conservation preferred the water to be removed from the site instead of draining into the North River due to the potential for high volumes of silt. The Conservation Agent also remarked in an email that he felt the proposed hay bale filters would not be adequate to properly remove the silt. Greg Morse proposed additional means of water filtration and requested that the filtration methods using hay bales and filter fabric be tried and evaluated for effectiveness before removing the water from the site all together. Peter Falabella suggested to Greg Morse that the size of the perc shelf be increased from five feet by five feet to at least seven feet by seven feet. Mr. Falabella also questioned Greg Morse on the soil integrity at the proposed perc sites. Greg Morse ensured that the soils would be virgin and he has no objection to increasing the size of the perc shelf. The board requested that Greg Morse start with just one hole on the first day and evaluate the effectiveness of the water removal and entire process before continuing onto the remaining proposed perc holes. A vote was taken to allow Greg Morse to conduct the dewatered perc tests at 2205 Main Street. All were in favor.

**Discussion:**

**Tobacco Regulations:**

Present to discuss with the board was Ken Farbstien and Sarah McColgan. Peter Falabella discussed with the board that per prior board discussions, he worked with DJ Wilson to put together a draft that included an increase in purchase age to 21 and place e-cigarettes in line with tobacco products. Ken Farbstien distributed a letter to the board from Dr. Hartman and discussed the contents. Gerry Maher and Mark MacDonald commented that they felt Marshfield should be in line with the community in Massachusetts that has the strictest regulations. Peter Falabella stated he would work with DJ Wilson to develop a new draft that includes the additions to make the regulations stricter. The new regulations should also include the ban of tobacco sales at pharmacies. Compliance checks were also discussed. It was suggested that part of the fees collected for tobacco permits be used for compliance checks. Gerry Maher stated this should be brought before town meeting in the fall.

**Blackman's Point:**

Peter Falabella discussed with the board that the Attorney General's Office had found violations at Blackman's Point, which needed to be corrected. Based on the letter from the Attorney General's Office, none of the remaining outstanding issues related to the Board of Health.

**Ming Dynasty:**

Peter Falabella stated that as a result of the roof collapse at the Ming Dynasty, they would be closed for possibly six months. He also stated that the food inside will be removed and disposed of properly by the owners and insurance company.

**Air Quality Report:**

Peter Falabella discussed with the board the air quality report. Mr. Falabella stated that we had complied with what the Town Administrator had asked and the report had been submitted to the Selectmen's office in late September. Mr. Falabella stated that nothing has been done to correct the air quality problems. Gerry Maher stated that Brian Adams be brought in before the board to discuss the report and that the Board of Health request to be heard at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss the report and find out why no action has been taken to rectify the situation.

**Additional discussion:**

Peter Falabella advised the board that Matt Tanis had passed the Registered Sanitarian exam. Mr. Falabella also mentioned to the board that Sean Collin's, a former board member, has gone missing in central Massachusetts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.