

BOARD OF HEALTH

October 5, 2000

6:30 p.m.

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Members Present: Mark Baker; Michele Couture, Chairman; Laura Davis; Ken Janson; and Stan Klein.

Member Absent: Kay Halle (unexcused)

Health Agents: George Heufelder (present)
Jackie Silver (excused absence)

Public Present: Bob Hendricksen, Mary Henrique, Hamilton Kahn, Bob O'Malley, Gabby Rilleau, Paul Trainor, and Rachel White.

AGENDA:

- I. PUBLIC STATEMENTS
- II. HEARING ON PROPOSED BOARD OF HEALTH TITLE 5
- III. Health Agent's and Health Inspector's Reports
- IV. Board members' statements
- V. Any other business which shall properly come before the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Public Statements:

Rachel White chose to speak under the public statement portion of the meeting. She had a long question and George Heufelder summed up the answer by telling Rachel that if she has an approved Title 5 system and it's working properly, she need never hook up to the sewer system. Next she asked why the authority should insist on her having her system pumped and/or what specifically motivates inspections. She was told that there would be regular inspections of approved Title 5s in order to ensure their continued efficiency.

Michelle Couture then explained the rules of a Public Hearing. The proponents of the regulations were asked to speak first.

PROPONENTS:

Bob O'Malley told the members of the Board of Health that he was very much in favor of a sewer system and he further felt it was vital to the Town. He commented next on Section 3, Service Area; there is no list available downstairs of the service area. George said the point was well taken and Bob was told that the list has not been finalized as yet. Bob also said that he manages four properties within the sewer district and the biggest lack he saw was in communication. He suggested that the same courtesy demanded from applicants applying for variances, etc. be afforded to owners of properties in the sewer district., i.e., certified mail should be sent out to all.

Bob O'Malley also felt that not enough cost analysis had been done on individual properties regarding pumps, etc. The figure given of \$1/per gallon doesn't reflect sewer cost at all.

Gabby Rilleau who identified herself as having property both in the East End and on Bradford Street said she'd like to echo all of Mr. O'Malley's sentiments. She lives out of town and hasn't received notification of any kind on the proposed sewer district. Her information comes from what she has read in the newspapers.

Paul Trainor spoke next and he, too, said he'd like to echo Mr. O'Malley's comments. For example, he said, he received a notice stating that he hadn't responded to the first notice; the first notice referred to was never received. Paul felt that certified mail sounded like a good idea.

Paul Trainor asked about Section 11 which referred to a permit being required for a septic system abandonment. He was given an explanation by George Heufelder who pointed out the safety concerns regarding abandoned cesspools (i.e., cave-ins). Next Paul asked about Section 9 requiring quarterly inspection of alternative septic. That, too, was

explained by George who told Paul some people opt for cutting leaching fields in half, for example. These systems must be inspected on a regular basis to make sure they are functioning properly.

OPPONENTS:

There were none.

Board Member's Statements:

Ken Janson said that Bob O'Malley's point regarding certified mail was certainly well taken. He asked George how many people have not responded? He wondered if certified mail would be sent to them. **George Heufelder** told Ken that every property owner who had not been heard from did receive a certified letter. George also felt anyone in the district who desires to opt out of hook-up should provide a signed response to that effect. George further said, as a matter of general information, that the Board of Selectmen had determined that the Town will pay for up to 70 feet of piping necessary for hook-up. George felt that would probably cover most every place in town.

Ken Janson referring to Bob O'Malley's concern regarding condos, wanted more details on notification of condo owners. George said he thought that unless the majority of owners in a condo association respond favorably, then the entire group will opt out of district. George indicated he will research this further. Ken said, "So, we should have on record, all condo unit owners having received certified mail?" By way of an answer, George said that Bob O'Malley might want to contact Mark Latour, the Assistant Town Manager, since he was handling the condo mailings.

George Heufelder thanked all the members of the Board as well as the members of the General Public who took part in the meeting and said he will make changes based on the hearing's comments and will give it back to the Board of Health for a further refinement. He also intends checking with Stephan Nofield on notification issues. George advises another Public Hearing in the near future.

Paul Trainor had one more suggestion for the Board. He strongly urged them to consider burying all wires along the sewer district route since the street is going to be torn up anyway.

Judith Oset addressed the Board and told them about a proposed joint meeting with other regulatory boards which has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Judge Welsh Hearing Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Growth Management By-law.

Health Agent's Report:

George Heufelder had three items for the Board:

1. Crowne Pointe has been notified.
2. The alarm has been installed at the Court Street address.
3. The Pearl Street cesspool has been reasonably secured.

Michelle Couture as one of the final items of business filled in a survey for the Department of Regulatory Management regarding their satisfaction level with provided services.

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made at 8:ish p.m., seconded and approved unanimously.

The next meetings will take place on

October 19th at 6:30 p.m. (regular meeting), then

November 1st at 7:00 p.m. (joint meeting) and, on the next night,

November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. (regular meeting).

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by _____ on _____
Michele Couture, Chairman date