

**Scituate Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, September 6, 2017
WPA Building- North Scituate
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Doug Whyte, Chairman
Mr. Steve Pansey, BOH Member
Mr. Russell Clark, BOH Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Jennifer Keefe, Director of Public Health
Ms. Joan Schmid, Administrative Assistant

6:00 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Mr. Pansey called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda- A motion was made and seconded with all in favor of accepting the agenda.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

Discuss/Vote: Septic System Design Hearing – 212 Central Ave, Bob Crawford, EET, Inc. representing home owner request for installation of a septic system requiring local upgrades/variance

Mr. Robert Crawford, professional engineer from EET, Inc. attended the meeting representing the owners of 212 Central Avenue and presented a septic design plan for an existing three bedroom home. Mr. Crawford indicated that the property is a 50 foot wide lot on the east coast side of Humarock Beach. It is an existing 3 bedroom home with a cesspool. The septic design requires multiple local upgrades and variances. The front property line is encumbered by the town water main. Mr. Crawford is asking to replace the existing cesspool with a 1,000 gallon septic tank instead of the required minimum sized tank of 1,500 gallons, since there is not much room on the property to put the system. The cesspool will be replaced with 144 linear feet of 24 chambers. The soil on the property primarily consists of beach stone. The plan includes replacing about 24 inches of the beach stone with sand to give better filtration.

Mr. Crawford indicated that he is requesting a reduction in the setback between the SAS and slab from the required 10 feet to 5.3 feet and a reduction in the setback between the septic tank and the slab from the required 10 feet to 3.3 feet. The variance requests further include use of a 1,000 gallon septic tank, a reduction in the required set back between the SAS and the property line from 10 feet to 9 feet and 5 feet as well as a reduction in the required set back between the septic tank and the property line from 10 feet to 2 feet.

The Board noted that they have no problem with these types of variance requests in the beach areas, since there is not much that can be done given lot sizes. The Board asked Mr. Crawford if relocating the Town water line would help reduce the variance requests. Mr. Crawford indicated that it would not help with the septic system they are designing for the property.

Mr. Crawford noted that the two foot space between the leaching chambers is needed because there is a deck area in the front of the house and the posts are located in the space between the proposed leaching chambers.

The Board asked Ms. Keefe if she had any concerns following her review of the septic system design. Ms. Keefe noted that Mr. Crawford had answered her questions regarding the removal of soil, setback dimensions and the space between the chambers.

The Board asked about the location of the water service line for water safety for the home owner. Mr. Crawford noted that a note #9 on the plan indicated that the exact location of the existing water service is to be determined prior to the system installation.

There was a motion made and seconded with all in favor to approve the septic repair plan (pending approval of the Conservation Commission) with the local upgrades and variances requested that include:

- 1) Reduction in setback between the SAS and slab from the required 10 feet to 5.3 feet
- 2) Reduction in setback between the septic tank and slab from the required 10 feet to 3.3 feet

And the requested variances:

- 1) Use of a 1,000 gallon septic tank instead of the required minimum sized tank of 1,500 gallons.
- 2) Reduction in the required setback between the SAS and property line from 10 feet to 9 and 5 feet.
- 3) Reduction in the required setback between the septic tank and property line from 10 feet to 2 feet.

NEW BUSINESS

Season Ending Beach Report

Ms. Keefe gave the Board the annual beach summary report for the end of the 2017 beach season. Peggotty Beach had no beach closures with the results range from <10 to 75. Egypt, Humarock, Lighthouse, and Sand Hills beaches all had one beach closure for 24 hours based on elevated bacteria. All beaches were resampled and reopened for swimming. Egypt Beach results ranged from <10 to 121, with the 121 result leading to the beach posting, Humarock Beach results ranged from <10 to 146, with the 146 result leading to the beach posting, Lighthouse Beach results ranged from <10 to 471, with the 471 result leading to the beach posting, Sand Hills Beach results ranged from <10 to 397, with the 397 result leading into the beach posting. Ms. Keefe noted that Minot Beach had no bacteria sample results above 104 but was closed due to a strong odor from July 25 to July 27, which seemed to be caused by organic matter that washed up on the beach. Ms. Keefe worked with other Town departments and reported it to the Department of Public Health.

Ms. Keefe noted that she is working on a frequently asked question document to improve communication with the public regarding beach sampling. She will also be working on signage improvements at the beaches to better orient the public.

Directors Report

Ms. Keefe gave the following Director Report:

- There were thirty-seven food inspections conducted between July 26 and August 10, with five re-inspections, one pre-opening inspection and twenty-two inspections at Heritage Days. Critical violations included no paper towels at the hand sink; dish, glass washers not sanitizing correctly; food not protected or covered; coolers not at the proper temperature; no one present while open with allergen certification; no one present while open with choke safe training, and no dates or labels on products.
- Ms. Keefe is following up on the lab reports and closure days of the public and semi-public pools. Permitting and inspection includes eight pools in Scituate. There is one pool that remains open year round.
- Housing: there are nine active cases with one closed since the last meeting.
- There are three active nuisance cases with one closed since the last meeting.
- There are five environmental releases with one newly closed since the last meeting.

- There are seven homeowners without a current operation and maintenance septic agreement. There are seventeen septic failures, or conditional passing systems, with four new ones since the last meeting.
- Ms. Keefe is working on the food catering requirements for caterers doing events in the Town.
- Ms. Keefe continues to follow up on the soft serve ice cream lab results from the food establishments.
- Food inspections will continue for the Farmers Market until the end of the season.
- The Town received the Region 4B emergency preparedness grant for year one of funding of a five year phase grant period. The award was 20% less than the previous grant year. Emergency preparedness grant activities will include updating shelter and emergency dispensing plans given the new building plans.
- Ms. Keefe had two announcements. The Dana-Farber Mammography Van will be at St Luke's on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 from 7:30am-3:00pm. The Town will offer its first flu clinic on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 10:00 am - 11:00m and 1:00pm - 2:00pm at St Mary's Parish Center. Ms. Keefe noted is that there will be additional clinics through the fall as well as availability of the flu vaccine during the nurse office hours.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board reviewed and signed the administrative invoices for approval.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from July 24, 2017, August 2, 2017 and August 7, 2017. There was a motion made by Mr. Pansey and seconded by Mr. Whyte with both in favor of accepting the August 2, 2017 meeting minutes. There was a motion made and seconded with all in favor of accepting July 24, 2017 and August 7, 2017 meeting minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded with all in favor at 6:39pm