Manchester Board of Health

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, November 14, 2019

Seaside One Meeting Room at 8:00 a.m.

Members present:
Paula Filias, Deb Bradley, Peter Colorusso, Joan Cottler, Beverly Melvin

Also present:
Public Health Nurse Colleen Brown, Greg Federspiel, Board of Health Consultant Engineer Gerry McDonald

2 Blossom Lane

Dan Ottenheimer of Mill River Consulting presented the Board of Health with septic system upgrade plans for the King Property, located at 2 Blossom Lane in Manchester. Mr. Ottenheimer explained that the dwelling would remain at the current 8 bedroom count. He noted that the home renovation plans are not yet complete, but when they are finished, the architect will make them available to the Board of Health office for review. Members reviewed the plan, dated 08/22/19 and the plan review checklist completed by Gerry McDonald. Members, on a motion by Peter Colarusso and seconded by Beverly Melvin voted unanimously to approve the 08/22/19 septic system upgrade plan for 2 Blossom Lane as submitted by Mill River Consulting.
59 Raymond Street

Chuck Johnson of C.G. Johnson Associates presented the Board of Health with septic system upgrade plans for the Destafano property, located at 59 Raymond Street in Manchester.

Mr. Johnson explained that the plan includes 2 local upgrade approval variances, and also a variance request to be 5.5 feet from the property line, where a 10 foot separation is required. Members reviewed the plan, dated 10/25/19 and the plan review checklist completed by Gerry McDonald. At the members request, Mr. Johnson explained the history of the bottomless sand filters, the annual maintenance required for the system, and the one day of effluent storage provided in case of a power outage that would leave the pump inoperable. Members noted that the upgraded system will not only replace a failed system, but also provide an increase in the setback to wetlands. Members, on a motion by Beverly Melvin and seconded by Deb Bradley, voted unanimously to approve the plan dated 10/25/19 subject to revisions that would include a coated tank and gasketed risers. In discussing the installation of the system, and the owners request to wait until mid-May or April of 2020 to install, members were concerned about protecting the groundwater from the existing failing system. Valerie Destafano and Chuck Johnson agreed to keep the existing tank pumped, until the new system installation and provide proof of same to the Board of Health office.

Mosquito Control Update

Member Deb Bradley presented Board members with written notes from a recent Mosquito Control Commissioner’s meeting. She noted that Manchester is the only Town in the district without a Health Agent to represent them at the district meetings. She reviewed the protocol for emergency spraying, discussed options for barrier spraying (including for school districts). Members requested that the office staff contact the local schools in the spring to see if they are up to date with their Integrated Pest Management Plans, as required for N.E. Mosquito Control operations.
Updates

27 Mill Street

Property owner will be coming to an upcoming BOH meeting to discuss the status of the existing onsite septic system.

9 Windemere Park (Peter Crabtree) and 130 School Street (Susan Everitt)

Property owners who requested an amended keeping of animals permit, had been denied same and the Board will now reach out to applicants Mr. Crabtree and Mrs. Everitt for additional information on the land where the goats are being housed.

Board of Health Office Structuring

Town Manager Greg Federspiel came before the Board of Health to discuss possible restructuring of the Board of Health office. Members and staff reviewed multiple options with Mr. Federspiel, with no final decision having been made at this time. Members were concerned with the possibility of moving the office and relocating staff members. Members strongly opposed those plans.

There being no further information to come before the Board, members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

As submitted,

Ellen Lufkin
Administrative Assistant