

CHARLEMONT BOH MEETING - CHARLEMONT TOWN HALL

January 22, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Smith, Doug Telling, Rob Lingle, Trice Hyer

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by the Chair, Rob Lingle.
2. The minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting were reviewed and signed.
3. Glen Ayers reported on an issue at 1555 Mohawk Trail. The scheduled condemnation hearing for January 22, 2014 was cancelled, per an agreement between the owner and tenants, and the owner agreed not to rent the apartment until it is brought up to full compliance.
4. Earl Bowen, with assistance from Glen Ayers, presented a proposal to repair the failed septic systems at Woodland Park. Earl is hoping to sell the property to the current tenants in the manner of a non-profit organization. He intends to install new tanks in systems #32, 13, 18/20, and 19. For Unit #'s 17, 1, 15, 10/12, 14 and 30, he is requesting that the BOH approve what is currently in place. Units # 17, 1, and 15 are in Zone 1, near a Public Water Supply, but show no signs of contamination according to the water testing reports. Units # 10/12, 14 and 30 have been having aeration systems running, and the BOH is being asked to allow the continuation of that process.
5. Ron Smith moved that the Board approve the request for repairs for Woodland Park as submitted by the owner, Earl Bowen, and recognizing the concurrence of the Public Water Supplier, continuing the monitoring and testing as proposed by the Public Water Supply Operator as submitted by his letter of January 22, 2014, based on the Board's determination that the systems are operating in a manner that is protecting the public health and safety, welfare and environment (per Department of Environmental Protection Regulation [310 CMR 15.303]). Trice Hyer seconded. The motion passed.
6. Mr. Tom Thompson appeared before the Board, concerning property he wants to buy at 1431 Route 2. There is currently a mobile home on the property, with a spring-fed water supply and a septic system that was installed in 1972. The property has been vacant for three years. He was going to have a Title 5 Inspection done instead of having the present owners do it (they're in Florida). However, Mr. Thompson was told that according to State Law, the present owners must have the Title 5 Inspection done, and present the results to the prospective buyer. It was also mentioned that the well water is usually tested at the same time. Mr. Thompson will see the Building Inspector next.
7. The Board discussed the proposed Earth Removal Bylaw. Doug Telling presented some suggested changes. The Board made additional changes to the proposal. Doug Telling moved to accept the proposed Earth Removal Bylaw, with the suggested changes (see attached for final draft). Ron Smith seconded. The motion passed.
8. The Board reviewed incoming correspondence:
 - a. Notice of a charge account for Avery's Store for the BOH. Rob will check with Carlene to see if she uses it for BOH purchases.
 - b. The Board received new guidelines for Title 5 Inspections.

9. Ron Smith moved that the Board of Health meetings be moved to a starting time of 7:00 pm, instead of 7:30 pm. Trice Hyer seconded. The motion passed. It will be determined later when the new time will go into effect.
10. Doug Telling moved to pay one half the cost of purchasing a new computer to be used by the BOH and others. Ron Smith seconded. The motion passed.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith

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EARTH REMOVAL BYLAW – PROPOSED REVISIONS BY BOARD OF HEALTH

January 22, 2014

Article II: Definitions:

Seasonal High Water Table—The highest underground level at which the soil and gravel are completely saturated with water, taking into account seasonal changes due to rain or drought. The water table level represents the point at which atmospheric and water pressure are equal over a period of time. The level is dependent upon site-specific factors like precipitation rates, soil permeability, geological formations, drainage patterns and proximity to nearby surface water bodies.

5.3: Limits of Excavation. No excavation shall be larger than five (5) acres for earth removal, storage and/or processing at one time. No excavation shall be conducted less than five (5) feet above the high water table as determined by a certified engineer or hydrologist utilizing a monitoring well, adjacent wells, test bores, test pitting, or other suitable means and related to a permanent monument(s) on the property and shown on the plan. A monitoring well must be installed that provides an adequate representation of the water table during the operation of the pit. The full extent of the permitted excavation area shall be established with reference to GPS coordinates and identified with monuments on the site to remain in place for the duration of the operation. Restoration shall be undertaken during and after the completion of all earth removal operations in accordance with Section 5.9(c) herein.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS – BOH MEETING

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1. Agenda for January 22, 2014 meeting
2. Minutes of January 8, 2014 meeting (signed)
3. Orders issued by Glen Ayers, re: 1555 Mohawk Trail
4. Woodland Park documents
5. Earth Removal Bylaw with proposed changes
6. New guidelines for Title 5 Inspections