

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Margie LaFleur, Chairperson; Phil Durno, Member; Grover Pillsbury, Member

Staff

Kalene Gendron, Health Agent; Brynn Montesanti, Administrative Assistant

Attendees

See attached attendance sheet

Mrs. LaFleur opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and announced the meeting is being televised by Pepperell Community Media.

8/6/2019 - Minutes

1. **Working Session**

2. **Acceptance of Minutes**

a. **7/16/19**

Mr. Durno motions to approve minutes as written. Mr. Pillsbury abstains. All in favor.

3. **Appointments**

a. **6:05PM - Resident of 18 Maple Street - Discussion of Concerns**

Mr. Pillsbury recuses himself from this discussion. Ms. Jackie Bryson is present, 18 Maple Street, Unit 5 and presents some of her concerns. Her driveway is sinking, she has sent a letter and left messages for Fairlane Homes and has to date not received any response, it floods on a regular basis and builds up with sand at the end of driveway, she has provided the office with pictures. In addition she makes the Board aware that the lease Fairlane Homes made her sign is not the correct date and does not match with what the AG office has on file for approved rules. Fairlane Homes has also increased rent only to owners and not to tenants which Ms. Bryson believes to be a violation. She is asking that the Board review the lease that she was made to sign when she moved in and review the laws associated with rules and regulations of a mobile home park.

Mr. Knox, attorney for Fairlane Homes, was present as well, he presented that currently they are having ongoing serious problems with Ms. Bryson judicially and that he feels these issues she is raising are not relevant to the BOH and are retaliatory to Fairlane Homes based on ongoing legal matters.

Mr. James Whal, unit 58 of 18 Maple Street, explains to the Board that the tenants do not have a vendetta against Fairlane Homes, there are serious problems in this park, and they need to be addressed.

Ms. LaFleur thanks everyone who spoke to this matter. After a brief discussion with the Board it is

decided that they will take some time to review this matter and the information provided to them and Ms. Gendron and Ms. Montesanti will be in contact.

b. 6:30PM - LAN Committee Representative - Presenting Proposed Noise Regulation

Margaret Scarsdale and several other members of the LAN committee are present at the meeting to present a revised draft of the proposed noise regulation, Ms. LaFleur acknowledges that the Board has received the new draft and had had some time to review. Mr. Pillsbury had not had a chance to speak to his concerns but shared a few that he had with the original draft, Ms. Montesanti explains that she thinks some of his concerns are already addressed in the revised draft.

Ms. Scarsdale would like to explain that this committee's intent was never to disenfranchise the work or hobbies of the residents that in essence this regulation is proposed to protect Pepperell from large scale persistent types of noises. Society is growing, there are more industrial opportunities and the LAN committee is trying to make sure this does not disrupt the comfort of the residents. Currently, Ms. Scarsdale explains, we don't have a noise problem and that is the point of this regulation, they are trying to prevent these problems, they are hoping the Town can be proactive verses reactive. Ms. Scarsdale guides the Board through the changes in the draft since the last presentation to the Board.

Mr. Pillsbury expresses that another concern of his is that this noise regulation could generate more calls to the police and this may not be what the department needs, it would definitely create an influx in calls. Mr. Tony Beattie, member of the LAN committee, explains that research into other regulated towns show that regulations like these have not increased the calls in towns in which they have been adopted. Ms. Gendron adds that at this time there are very limited calls to the police for noise related complaints.

Various questions and discussions between the representatives of the committee and Board ensued and all were satisfied that this will continue to be a work in progress, the Board has requested a few other changes and modifications to the draft and would like for Ms. Scarsdale to come back to another meeting. Ms. Scarsdale thanks the Board for their time and looks forward to collaborating with them on this noise regulation. Ms. LaFleur thanks Ms. Scarsdale and the committee for their time and effort on this endeavor.

4. Action Items

a. Lot 3A - Scotch Pine Farm - New Septic System

b. Lot 6A - Scotch Pine Farm - New Septic System

Ms. Gendron advises the Board that each lot will be permitted for unit A and unit B, she recommends to the Board to approve all 4 permits. Mr. Durno motions to approve Lots 3A and 6A, units A and B for each lot. Mr. Pillsbury seconds. All in favor.

c. 52 Blood Street

- Approval Required - Approval is requested to allow a reduction in the requisite groundwater offset from 5 feet to 3 feet with use of the Presby Enviro-Septic Waste Water treatment system

- Upgrade Septic System

Ms. Gendron recommends approval of the reduction of groundwater as well as the upgrade of the septic system. Mr. Durno motions to approve the request of the requisite groundwater offset and the upgrade of the system at 52 Blood Street. Mr. Pillsbury seconds. All in favor.

5. Old Business

Ms. LaFleur inquires about 82 Heald Street, Ms. Montesanti informs the Board that a passing Title 5 had been submitted to the BOH office.

6. **New Business**

7. **Walk-Ins**

8. **Correspondence**

Ms. LaFleur wished to inform the residents that Devens Hazardous Waste Collection days are on August 7 and August 10 and that if anyone has any questions on what is accepted to please call the BOH office or see the website for more details. Ms. LaFleur recognizes what a valuable resource Devens HHW is to be a part of, Mr. Pillsbury concurs.

9. **Health Agent Comments**

10. **Matters That May Be Raised That the Chair Didn't Reasonably Anticipate**

11. **Future Meeting**

a. **8/20/19 (if necessary)**

Mr. Durno motions to adjourn meeting. Ms. LaFleur seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted by Brynn Montesanti, Administrative Assistant to Board of Health.