

Minutes of Board of Health meeting, Monday, March 2, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the Health Department, Town Office Building.

Attending: John V. Neville, D.M.D., chairman; Janice Colby, Peter J. Barrett, and Samuel A. Bosco, Executive Health Officer.

Prospect Street - Mr. Ambrose Flatley, builder, and his engineer, Mr. Brian McSweeney, appeared before the Board to request variances on three lots on Prospect Street. Mr. Flatley explained that he bought three house lots, A., B., C. in 1973. He had soil tests made on them with the former Health Officer and a State Engineer present. In the course of financing the project, a flaw in the Title was discovered. The work stopped and the Board of Health Permits expired. Mr. McSweeney said that on reviewing the plans for new permits it had been found that the rules had changed and the proposal cannot meet present standards. Section 26 of the Board of Health regulations requires septic systems be located 150 feet from any known source of public surface water supply. It has been determined that water from Accord Pond via Accord Brook surcharges natural filter basins at Fuling Mill pump station. This indicates that the 3 lots are on the watershed of a public water supply. Mr. McSweeney explained that Accord Brook was separated from the subjects lots by a swampy area of from 100 to 300 feet, and requested the following variances:

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| Lot A | 35 ⁺ feet variance from septic system and lowlands |
| | 37 ⁺ feet variance from septic system expansion area and subsurface drainage pipe |
| | 20 ⁺ feet variance from septic system and subsurface drainage pipe |
| Lot B | 55 ⁺ feet variance from septic system and lowlands |
| | 60 ⁺ feet variance from septic system expansion area to subsurface drainage pipe |
| | 45 ⁺ feet from septic system and subsurface drainage pipe |
| Lot C | 73 ⁺ feet variance from septic system and lowlands |

McSweeney also requested that new soil examinations be conducted at this time to determine the ground water encountered at the time of the tests performed in 1973 be compared

The Board voted to allow the percolation test to be redone, to accept the ground water condition found in 1973, and to compare with levels found in 1981. The Board voted to grant the above noted variances with the following provisions:

1. A clay barrier shall be constructed around the drainage pipe to prevent infiltration of any septic waste, using current engineering practices.
2. A retaining wall be constructed on Lots B & C to prevent septic waste from entering the lowlands at the rear of the lots, using current engineering practices.
3. Written certification that the above provisions have been completed prior to issuance of Board of Health permits.
4. The above works shall be shown on the submitted plans along with application.

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Garbage Contract - Signing of the contract was postponed until the next meeting of the Board as the representatives from Twin Elm Farm could not attend the meeting.

Hoastra Farm - Representatives of the Green Company, developers of the proposed dwelling units on Hoastra Farm properties. Mr. Norman Grossman, P.E., requests a waiver from Section 20 of the Board of Health rules and regulations regarding on-site sewage disposal design estimates requiring 100 gallons per person per day in that they be allowed to design the sewage disposal systems in accordance with Title 5 of the State Environmental Code, which requires 55 gallons per person per day.

Mr. Grossman was asked if the Green Company had explored the possibilities of connecting the proposed development to the existing sewer line in Union Street. He said that it was proposed but it was not recommended by the Sewer Commissioners' consulting engineer, Mr. M. Grilli.

Mr. Grossman presented water usage figures from some of their other developments that indicate that the lower figure is more realistic because water savers have been installed in the units. He explained further that they had a septic system maintenance program at all developments that are served by on-site disposal systems.

The Board voted to grant a variance from Section 20 of the Board of Health Rules and Regulations with the following provisions:

1. Water saver devices be installed in each dwelling unit to conserve water.
2. A maintenance program for each on-site disposal system be initiated, and in addition to periodic pumping, a written record book shall be kept to record all pertinent data.

Animal Inspector - Mr. Douglas Rhines submitted his letter of resignation to the Board, effective March 12, 1981. He stated that the position was interfering with his present job. The Board voted to accept his resignation. The former inspector, Mr. E. Franklin Souther informed the Board that he would like to apply for his old position. In view of this fact, and that Mr. Souther had done an excellent job in the past, the Board voted to nominate him for the position of Animal Inspector.

License and Permit Fees - Members reviewed the schedule of fees for licenses and permits. A review has not been made for several years and administration

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