

**Minutes of the
Carlisle Board of Health
May 3, 2018**

AGENDA

Bills
Administrative Reports

NEW BUSINESS

211 Bellows Hill Road – proposed septic system upgrade

- **Proposed septic system upgrade to 9 bedrooms (without garbage grinder) to accommodate renovations to main house (15 rooms), relocation of barn and finishing barn interior (3 rooms)**

Safe Home Care Project – Letter of Support (C. Galligan)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Water Quality Discussion – resident request
Benfield Perc-Rite Leaching Area – inspection results
Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) - revised guidance**

OLD BUSINESS

**Hazardous Waste Collection – report
Appointment to Local Initiative Program (LIP)**

The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 7:00 pm. at town hall. Present: Todd Thorsen (chairman), Alan Lewis, Lee Storrs, Todd Brady, Donna Margolies. Also present was Linda Fantasia (Health Agent) and Stephanie Hackbarth (Carlisle Mosquito)

BILLS - Technical Consulting Group for March, Food Establishment Inspections, Nursing and Rabies Clinic Supplies. It was moved (Lewis) and seconded (Brady) to approve the bills for payment. Motion passed 5-0-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Trailer Inventory – POD available for one month. Need to arrange a date for “cleanout” – 5/5/18. Board members offered to help. DPW will service trailer. Region 4A requesting a complete inventory by 6/1/18. Small stipend (\$500) available to hire help or repairs such as tires. The Board agreed it is better to get the work done rather than wait to hire a helper.

Grant Refunds FY18 remaining balances:

- CHNA \$511.62
- PHEP \$638.39 (est)*
- Sr. Tax Worker 75% unused

*PHEP funds included \$1200 stipend to update inventory and EDS Plans but there was not sufficient staff to do the work. Rather than receiving additional funds the stipend is being used to cover monthly Verizon bills as a budget modification approved by the fiscal agent.

Cost of Benefits and Operating Account Projections – Projections show a potential surplus fund of approximately \$2000 which will be returned to the General Fund and help offset the cost of fulltime benefits to the town.

211 BELLOWS HILL ROAD – Dan Carr of Stamski & McNary, Inc., and Laura Burnes of Adams and Beasley Architects were present.

At the April 27, 2018 meeting the Board had approved renovations to the main house, relocating and finishing six rooms in the barn conditional upon recording a deed restriction that none of the rooms in the barn would be used as bedrooms. The Board was concerned about the possibility in the future of the barn becoming a guest house. The septic system would be upgraded to a nine-bedroom system to accommodate the additional living space. Carr explained that the owners did not want to preclude having a bedroom in the barn at some point in the future. A revised septic plan for twelve bedrooms was submitted as the result of changes in the floor plan for the main house

and barn. It was later determined that some of the rooms in the plan would not qualify. The final room count was determined to be 15 in the main house and 3 in the barn for a total of 18 rooms. The 9 bedroom septic system would be sufficient. Carr noted that the system, which had already been reviewed by Rob Frado, included a garbage grinder allowance. The Board reaffirmed that under its new policy garbage grinders are not allowed in new construction. Carr said the allowance would be removed and a revised plan submitted. The owners were willing to record a Garbage Grinder Deed Restriction but not a Bedroom Deed Restriction.

Burnes questioned the necessity of a deed restriction. The Board explained that a future owner might take advantage of the living space and convert the barn into a second home on the property. This would include a kitchen which the proposed plan does not have. Burnes agreed that the current floor plan includes a wet bar, but said the owners would like to keep the option of having a bedroom or two in the barn in the future. The floor plan is still in preliminary stages. It was agreed that any renovations would require a building permit and Board of Health approval. Fantasia asked if the possibility of having an accessory apartment was considered and Carr said that was not the intention of the owners. There was no further discussion.

It was moved (Lewis) and seconded (Margolies) to approve the proposed renovations to the main house, relocation and finishing of the barn at 211 Bellows Hill Road conditional upon upgrading the soil absorption system to a nine-bedroom system and recording of a garbage grinder deed restriction. Motion passed 5-0-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deer Committee – Thorsen gave a report on the latest activities. The Committee has been working on implementing the Regulations adopted by the Selectmen in April to allow bow hunting on town lands. The season will follow the MA archery guidelines for deer hunting and run from October through November. An Agent will be hired to monitor licensing of hunters. A small fee will be collected and held in a revolving account to pay the Agent. There will be a limit on the number of permits issued. Thorsen said he was elected chair of the committee.

Safe Home Care Project – Cathy Galligan appeared before the Board to ask for a Letter of Support and willingness to collaborate for a second NIOSH grant proposal to reduce health and safety risks in the home for both workers and clients. The Board had previously supported and collaborated on the initial grant to assess the dangers in the home care work place. The second grant would be used to identify interventions. Galligan gave a few examples of cleaning products that they had tested and how exposure risks could be reduced by providing alternatives or changing the methods of cleaning used. The Board expressed their appreciation of the efforts being made to provide a healthier environment for workers and clients and agreed to send a letter of support.

95 Hanover Road - Fantasia contacted Dr. Nouvellon for possible dates and times to meet with the Board. There has been no response.

Hazardous Waste Collection – 104 households participated. This is the typical number. The Board agreed that more publicity would have been helpful. There were only a limited number of sharp containers collected, less than last year. Two people did not have properly sealed containers. An Ad will be placed in the Mosquito that sharps disposal containers are available for sale at the office.

67 Hanover Road – the Board was advised by Clear Water Industries that they are no longer under contract to monitor the Perc-Rite System. The system had to be replaced in 2016 as the result of damage to the drip dispersal tubing. Having an Operation and Maintenance Contract in place is a requirement for the Perc-Rite systems. Fantasia will follow up with the owner.

Emergency Dispensing Site Plan (EDS) – Fantasia attended a workshop on the changes to the state's EDS Guidance. The Guidance describes how the Board will handle a public health crisis that requires administration of medication. The Board's plan needs updating due to changes in town personnel and school layout. Templates were provided on executing Memorandums of Understanding with other towns and organization as well as procedures for dealing with spontaneous volunteers. The Board agreed that the town should do more in the way of planning for emergencies. Chief Flannery, Emergency Director, wants to hold a panel discussion for residents to explain the various roles of emergency responders sometime in the Fall.

Water Quality Concerns (Uranium) – a resident contacted the office concerned about high levels of uranium in the household water. The problem was discovered when the resident who had volunteered for a DPH bio-monitoring program used to measure the risk of exposure to environmental chemicals, was found to have traces of uranium in the monitoring samples. The resident wanted to know if uranium was a problem in local drinking water. The Board agreed that it did not have any indications that this was the case. Fantasia said the bi-annual well testing offers testing for Gross Alpha which is used as an initial screening. If the results are elevated, further testing for radionuclides is recommended. Not many households take advantage of the Gross Alpha testing so the data is scarce. The Board agreed that it is important to do the bi-annual well testing this spring so as to not break the chain of historical data already compiled. Fantasia will arrange with a laboratory to test late May or early June. Due to the decline in participation for the last few years, labs may not be interested or one that is not selling a filtration system. The Board will include the six center wells impacted by the MTBE spill from the former Daisy Gasoline Station.

Gleason Public Library – The Board requested an update on the Library well which had been experiencing high nitrate levels over the past year. Fantasia will follow up.

Local Initiative Program (LIP) Committee – Storrs agreed to represent the Board. **It was moved (Margolies) and second (Brady) to appoint Lee Storrs to represent the Board on the Committee. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Toxic Use Reduction Grant – Galligan inquired about the application she had forwarded to the Board. Fantasia will email the information to the Board for possible consideration.

Tick Testing Ads – With the warmer weather the Board agreed it should promote the tick testing program.

Water Conservation – Margolies noted that Concord has specific recommendations on how to conserve water for residents in preparation for another dry summer.

Next Meeting – May 22, 2018 instead of May 15, 2018 which is a Board of Selectmen meeting night.

There was no further business. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,



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Recorder