

Westhampton Board of Health
Minutes to Meeting of
December 12th, 2019

Present: David Blakesley (DB), Robbie Armenti (RA) Tom Martin (TM), Mark Bushee (MB)
Also, Present: Michael Kelsey (MK) and Steve Jones (SJ)

To order @ 4:00 Adjourned 5:21

- 1) DB moves to approve minutes as written of November 11th, 2019 meeting , with Tm seconding and the motion passing unanimously.
- 2) MK with update on KOA septic upgrades. DB and TM note that they were both able to see the new system in the ground. MB notes that he is waiting for final inspection site visit with engineer, installer, and DEP. MK states that this meeting has already happened and that he forgot to notify MB. DEP also failed to notify MB. Board notes its disappointment that it was not included in this final site visit. TM notes that the new system has a recirculating sand filter component and uses an entire field dosing system. Such technology is called Innovative Alternative System that allow for more flexibility in siting and a reduction to the seasonal high-water table for the field. TM notes this type of system is also used at Hampshire Regional and believes it is appropriate for the campgrounds flow. MK ask the Board if once it meets the enforcement order conditions whether a permit for the business will be issued for April 17-June 30th of 2020? Acknowledgement is made that it is preferable for the Board to permit July1-June 30th for any given year in that inspections made of the campground can be conducted when the business it well into the season. This is why the State campground permits to be issued for July 1st of each year. Board makes clear that once it is provided with a complete set of paperwork documenting the new system and timetable for work on the last two older systems on the property then we would issue that permit as requested. TM ask that this work be completed for Feb 6th meeting. MK will try to meet this deadline although he admits he is reliant upon DEP issuing its Certificate of Compliance in a timely manner.
- 3) Steve Jones before the Board to request we join a hundred plus other BOH across the State (including Williamsburg) by writing a letter to the Governor expressing our concern with the health risks associated with fracking and burning natural gas and propane. Especially concerning for SJ is the burning of propane is kitchen where this is no hood ventilation and children are in the home. SJ leaves some materials for the Board to review. SJ notes that natural gas infrastructure is polluting and dangerous. SJ notes that some towns have taken this call for action to express concerns for global climate change and so there is a lot of leeway in this requested message of support. Board tables the consideration till its next meeting.
- 4) MB updates the Board on current activities noting that septic work is wrapping up and we are into yearly permitting chores. Some discussion on how to handle septic work that has begun at 179 Reservoir Rd. without permitting. Some history is given of how this has been handled in the past.

- 5) DB updates the Board on the likely move back to Dual Stream recycling at the Transfer Station , the MRF contract work, and the search for solution to glass recycling, which seems to be in a troubled state.
- 6) MB notes that he has some calls out to nursing services to find out what may be available for potential Ageing in place initiatives and he is waiting to hear back. RA notes that she will have more time in the next month for coming to determination of our next step is this process, noting that another public survey of needs may be the next step. RA notes that two volunteers have come forward to work on the HEN program.
- 7) DB reports on 225 NW Rd. Traylor on land that the Town now owns through receivership. DB notes that past owner are still in the traylor and tells the Board that Selectboard wonders if BOH should be involved at this point. Board notes that this is likely a law-enforcement of Zoning Officer area of jurisdiction.
- 8) DB moves to adjourn; RA seconds and the motion passes unanimously.



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