

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES**



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**TOWN OF SUTTON
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

Meeting Location: Sutton Town Hall Meeting Room 1C

Members Present: Tammi Marois, Ken Malo, Diane Miller

Staff Present: Cheryl Rawinski, Judy Bater, Steve Donatelli

Absent: John Silverberg

Guest/s Present: Dandelion Energy, Hannah Kowalski

Call to Order: Tammi Marois opened the regular meeting of the Board of Health at 7:02 PM.

Local Upgrades/Variations: 8 Alana Drive, Closed Loop Geo Thermal Well – Request for local upgrade by Dandelion Energy. Meets State regulation set-backs. Does not meet our supplemental regulation. Wants to install roughly 300' at 55 Degrees closed loop uses food grade antifreeze. 2 wells, 2 permits. State regulations states 25' from septic and 10' from property line. Wants to move due to aesthetics and efficiency. Meets setbacks. Originally was not sure they would meet the setbacks and wanted to explain the process to the Board. Motion not necessary.

Local Upgrade Review Only: Steve Donatelli:

14 Torrey Road: Steve Approved Presby System requesting 3' separation SAS to high groundwater. Perc rate 12 mpi, 33" depth to groundwater. Presby approves 2' separation.

15 Dewitt Road: Steve approved Presby System requesting more than 3' cover over the tank.

Complaint: 56 Singletary Avenue: Animals, Water, Rats: The property owner did not show up. A certified and regular mail letter was sent inviting the property owner. Ned Bacon, the complainant asked why it took so long to get on the agenda. Ken explained that it took some time to reach the property owner and he did finally conduct a site visit. Ken stated that the owner needs to have the mud secured and remove wood debris and remove any brush that creates potential harboring of rodents. Ned made the Board aware of some history on this property in regards to the structures on this property. Ned stated that the two major issues are odors and too many animals in a small space, old factory nuisance. The surface water runs from that property to the stream. Ned stated the animal inspector suggested the pigs could possibly be moved. Ken stated that he needs to keep the animal areas clean to reduce odors. Mr. Bacon

feels that you must dig up all the soil to clean up the site. The Board read the animal inspectors animal count of 19 goats, 2 pigs, 1 donkey and a dog. The animal inspector also reported an excessive amount of rats. Ned asked about the Board of Health process. Ken explained that they need to go to the site and if they see an issue they must give him an opportunity to correct the issue. Cheryl stated that the buildings are grandfathered, as per the Building Department. The animal inspector only had an issue with the cleanliness of the pigs housing and the excessive rats. Ken stated that we need to involve conservation. Ken further stated that these can become civil matters. Mr. Bacon does not want to go the civil action route. Tammi suggested the animal inspector be sent out again for another inspection. Ken is not sure on the offsets to a wetland for a waste pile. Ken stated that the Board does not sample soils. Ken stated that he needs to clean up the manure and reduce the odors. Mr. Bacon does not feel it is enough enforcement. Diane suggested conservation be made aware of the situation and they would make a site visit.

Department Update:

Cheryl attended an MHOA conference. She has held several flu clinics. Flu clinic attendance is down. Cheryl will reduce the amount of vaccine she purchases moving forward. A Covid Clinic was held in Upton in conjunction with Millbury.

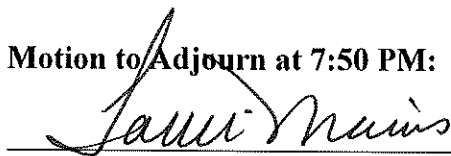
Old/New Business: Ken asked about the zoning laws in regards to number of animals on a small lot. Cheryl stated we are a farming community. Cheryl suggested calling State agriculture. Judy stated that sometimes it is not an issue to have many animals and that is why we handle case by case.

Approve Minutes: Diane made a motion to accept the minutes of 4-26-22. 2nd by Ken Malo. All in favour. Approved.

Other Business: Ron San Souci introduced himself to the Board as a potential Board member. He has experience in waste water.

Next Meeting: December 27, 2022

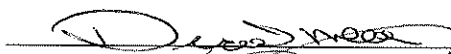
Motion to Adjourn at 7:50 PM: Diane Miller – Seconded Ken Malo - Unanimous - Approved.



Tammi Marois, Vice Chairman



John Silverberg, Member



Diane Miller, Member



Ken Malo, Jr., Member

