

Minutes Approved:

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 2, 2009**

The Board of Health met at 7:00 pm at Town Hall

Present: Chairman George Emond, Members Ernie Sund, David Shea, Perry Jewel and Jack Rabbitt

**TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS REVIEWED:**

196-198 Killburn Street – Pass  
75 Hunting Hill Road – Pass  
78 Whiting Street – Pass  
943 Chase Road – Fail (application has been made for testing)  
2 Page Street – Pass

**SEPTIC PERMITS SIGNED:**

15 Pleasant Street, #17  
72 NW Townsend Road  
NW Townsend Road, Lot 1  
Lot 4, Lena Lane

**LOT 4, LENA LANE – WELL VARIANCE**

Chris McKenzie of Whitman and Bingham met with the Board to request a well variance. This lot is located within a small subdivision. The proposed well is located fifteen (15) feet off the side/rear property line. The required distance is fifty (50) feet. This request is being made due to a change in the siting of the septic system due to the topography of the lot. After discussion and on motion by Jewell and second by Sund the variance was unanimously granted.

**15/17 PLEASANT STREET - VARIANCE**

Chris McKenzie of Whitman and Bingham met with the Board to request several variances. This is a very small lot and the septic system is in failure. There are two houses on a single lot in single ownership and there are wetlands on one side. What is being proposed is a shared system for the two existing houses. The application is requesting the following variances:

1. To allow reduction of the required setback from cellar wall, 10 foot required; 8 foot and 5 foot respectively requested;

2. To allow reduction of the require offset from groundwater, 5 foot required, 4 foot requested;
3. Wetlands offset from 100 feet to 51 feet.

After discussion, it was decided that there was no other better placement for this system. On motion by Sund and second by Rabbitt, the request for variances was unanimously approved.

### **322 FLAT HILL ROAD – VARIANCE**

Chris McKenzie met with the Board. Currently, this system is in failure. The system is a two bedroom system. Due to the high ground water on this lot, a sieve analysis was performed. The question was asked as to how the high ground water would be addressed. Mr. McKenzie stated that fill would be brought in and the system raised. The final grade would be five (5) feet. After discussion and on motion by Shea and second by Sund, the request for variance to use sieve analysis was unanimously approved.

### **552 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE – FAILED SYSTEM**

Ms. Szocik, the owner, and Steve Marsden met with the Board. This is a rental property. The tenant called to report a failed septic system. Agent Garreffi inspection the site and was shown an area of discharge in the backyard. The tenant ran water in the house to determine the severity of the failure and the water immediately discharged to the surface as observed by Agent Garreffi.

Correspondence was sent on January 5, 2009, via certified mail, ordering the owner to repair the system within 120 days. In addition, the owner must pump the tank and keep it pumped until a new system has been installed.

The owner advised that the tenant has vacated the property and the tank has been pumped. Ms. Szocik has retained Mr. Marsden to engineer a new system. After discussion and on motion by Sund and second by Jewell, it was agreed that the section on pumping the tank would be waived as the property is vacant. Further, there would be no occupancy of the property until the new system is installed. All in favor.

### **WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The members of the Board again discussed the role that they believe they should play in the final Waste Water Management Plan to be submitted for Town Meeting and are concerned that there has been no executive summary prepared stating all the dissenting points. Chairman Emond will contact Abby at Wright Pierce to discuss this.

Having no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.