

KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2007

The Meeting of the Kingston Board of Health was called to order by : Chairman, Jack Breen, In attendance were, Vice- Chairman, Bill Watson, Joe Casna, Bill Kavol, Dan Sapir, and Health Agent, Henny Walters.

7:00 Meeting called to order by Chairman, Jack Breen

John Veracka, Engineer - 67 Ring Road, Variances 07-04

Mr. Veracka explained to the Board the reason for the variance, there is a well on the site the house does not have town water asking for variance from 125ft. to 100ft. The Health Agent recommends that the variance be approved.

Dan Sapir stated that he would like to disclose that he does business with Mr. Webby.

Motion: Joe Casna to approve Variance #07-04

Second: Bill Kavol

Vote 5-0-0, unanimous

Review Minutes May 14, 2007

Motion Joe Casna to approve minutes as presented

Second: Jack Breen

Vote 5-0-0, unanimous

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Review Departmental Bills

Review Loan Schedule

Health Agent's Report

The Plaque for Ed King was shown to the Board for approval and each member paid their share for the plaque. They would like Ed King to come to the Board's next meeting June 25, 2007, and present the plaque to him.

Pine DuBois with concerns about Mosquito Control and the Boards Involvement

Pine spoke to the Board about the spraying of mosquitoes last year, especially Jones River area. She has spoken to people at the Department of Environmental Protection about the problem. She said that last year you may or not be aware that the Jones River was sprayed sufficiently enough to kill mud crabs down at Jones River Landing. There is no really good excuse for spraying, it wasn't effective enough the 1st time so they did it again. I am of the opinion that these type of applications do harm the environment, insects we rely on in general. I am asking you as a Board to be a little bit more involved with what the district's doing on our behalf. Spending money which we would other wise have to spend in other ways. Do we approve the program and do we know what the program is? Pine said we are the community and I think there might be a better way of controlling the mosquitoes. Dan Sapir would like the Health Agent to find out about issues discussed here tonight. Pine said she is more interested in what Plymouth County Mosquito Control is doing. Bill Watson said they have a protocol that they follow it is the States responsibility to do the trappings. Joe Casna said any resident can call and have their property sprayed.

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Turner - 1 School Street - Mr. Croce - 5 School Street

Bill Watson said that it is standard decision that the Health Agent made for the Turner's to do a Title 5 Inspection. Jack Breen said we may run into trouble if you do have a failed system. Pam Turner said we want that pipe out of there. Jack Breen said it has not been confirmed that this is an issue of water. Jack Breen said we are going to continue with our stay. Joe Casna said are we going to stand behind that decision we made at the last meeting.

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Dan Sapir would like to make a motion to respond to Kevin Donovan's memorandum and to authorize Joe Casna to write a draft and as a secondary measure for him to run it through the Chair, so that it is not just going out with one person doing it we stand behind it. Joe Casna said he would second that and add a friendly amendment that he request that Mr. Watson also submit a draft. Dan said you will have 2 drafts, Joe said yes, Bill said how about if I work on it with you, Joe said I will accept that. Joe Casna said I would like to know if there is any discussion on this motion. Dan said I will accept that as a friendly amendment. Joe said I will second that Jack said ok we are going to do that tonight and you are going to illustrate what that is going to be. Joe said we are going to vote on this I hope, and Bill and I will proceed and submit this to you Jack and you will in turn submit it to Kevin. Bill Kavol said I think that you 2 doing it together is great, but I don't think there should be a vote on it until you do it and we read it, Jack said I think that is very accurate. Joe said how about a vote to do it. Jack said I think that until a vote is taken to do it, you have to convince us that it is accurate that is why we have to hash it out we can't send something upstairs without knowing that quite frankly in my ignorance you haven't convinced me that this is not the issue. Bill said can I ask something, Joe said would you vote against it, Jack said I would vote against it, the only reason is I don't know and I don't mind telling you I don't know. And it turns out that 3 people out of 5 that you and Bill have professionally illustrated to us why we should stay, I'm up for that. Bill said can I ask you a question Jack? Jack said sure, Bill said what has changed your mind since we voted to stay at last meeting? Jack said I voted to stay because of the standing water and a health issue of mosquitoes. That was my sole reason for staying, standing water and mosquitoes. I feel the mosquitoes can be dealt with by spraying or some of these other suggestions that Pine has. Jack said I frankly want you folks to tell me and prove to me so that when we send it upstairs and I vote to maintain the stay that you tell me that it is not the septic system you might be able to do that, I don't know. Bill said we can't do that. Jack ok you cannot do that, then I would simply not vote for the stay this time because I don't have the information now if you misunderstood why I voted for stay that is why, I thought it was a health hazard.

Motion: Dan Sapir the Board is going to put together a letter that supports our decision to stay the Title 5 Inspection, and Joe Casna & Bill Watson are going to provide the Board with the information that is going to substantiate why the Board will make that statement, give the information to Chairman, Jack Breen to review and then it will go upstairs.

Second: Joe Casna

Discussion: Joe Casna a friendly amendment to write draft together with Bill Watson.

Vote 5-0-0, unanimous

Dan Sapir said to Jack you could receive that letter and not like it at all but you have to review it and as Chairman you will bring it upstairs, Bill Watson said then at the next meeting if you decide you want to rescind it, you can do that. Dan said to Mr. Croce as far as I can see the vote that the Board took was the vote you wanted. Bill Kavol said the vote at the last meeting was before we received this letter stating from the Town Administrator, that we could be in trouble if we don't do things correctly. But now we have 2 of the professionals from the Town to send another letter and it will give us basis to vote. Jack Breen said you asked me why I voted for the stay last meeting and now I will repeat myself again as elected official I am going to tell you I voted because I felt that the standing water would bring mosquitoes. Mrs. Croce said when it rains really heavy it comes up into my shower and I can't wash clothes only when it rains. Mrs. Francine said the water comes in from Rt. 27 and School Street, the part she is concerned about is the mosquito issue, she has 2 grandchildren and if either one of them gets EEE, I am going to be before this town and suing them because the issue is not being handled. We need the power of this Board to let them know upstairs it is a health issue I don't think spraying or other things is going to help. Dan said keep in mind the original reason for staying the Title 5 was because we didn't see any evidence of it, but it did not in any way change the Board's opinion as far as the water problem in the back sitting there stagnant. Bill Watson said to take a sample test of the water from the end of the pipe. Health Agent will take the sample.

Health Agent's Report

Henny will issue a press release to let the public know that weekly testing of the beaches is being done and fall well within limits.

Old/New Business

Bill Kavol thinks the sewer department should be paying for the abandonment applications. We are going to look at all fees at the next meeting. Bill Kavol said he would like to reappointment Russell Meiggs. Dan Sapir suggest we not do it tonight and have Mr. Meiggs come into next meeting.

Motion: Dan Sapir to go into Executive Session for potential litigation and adjourn

Second: Bill Watson

Roll call, Joe Casna- yes, Dan Sapir - yes, Jack Breen - yes, Bill Kavol - yes, Bill Watson- yes.

9:15

Adjourn,

Respectfully submitted,
Linda G. Randall, Clerk

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