

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH

July 19, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Chair Colburn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

A. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

B. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:

Jodi Bettermann	Present	Theresa Brown Biondo	Absent	John Kalinich	Present
Karen Mittleman	Present	David Olsen	Present	Chair Colburn	Present

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of 6/21/2023

A motion was made by Ms. Bettermann and seconded by Mr. Kalinich for approval of the minutes as amended. On roll call, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	John Kalinich	Aye	Karen Mittleman	Aye
Dave Olsen	Abstain	Chair Colburn	Aye		

D. CORRESPONDENCE

1. HCHD COVID 19 Reporting
2. HCHD Influenza Reporting
3. New Jersey DOH vector-borne surveillance report
4. 2022 New Jersey College Immunization Status Report
5. 2023 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Data Brief
6. LOI-LV Extension - B. 36 Lots 5, 5.02, 5.04
7. Xylazine in Illicit Drug Supply & Updated Resource and Training
8. Guidance on Measles during the Summer Travel Season
9. Call for Enhanced Surveillance and Testing for Travel-Associated Cases of Legionnaires' Disease -- Atlantic City
10. NJDOH Project Firstline Seeking Feedback from Frontline Healthcare Workers
11. Locally Acquired Malaria Cases Identified in the United States
12. Wildfire Smoke Exposure Poses Threat to At-Risk Populations
13. 2023-07-07 - Former Walmart #5069 - June Potable Well Deliverable
14. Syphilis Treatment for Pregnant Patients

There was a brief discussion on item #6.

E. APPROVALS

Alteration/No Expansion:

Time heard 7:05 p.m.

1. Block 51/Lot 49 – FPA Engineers – 7 Campbell’s Brook Road

Escrow fees paid 7/5/2023, Ck# 1576, \$750.00.

Mr. Chris Nusser, NJ licensed engineer, appeared before the board. This alteration is not the result of a real estate transfer. The proposed system is an Advanced Treatment Unit (ATU) to keep the mound down as well as to keep it from impacting the existing stone wall.

The board asked Mr. Nusser:

1. Is an ATU available without a pump?
2. Is this less expensive for the property owner?
3. The proposed unit does not have the same capacity as one with a separate tank. Will the homeowner be aware of the limited reserve?
4. There was a concern expressed that the Norweco is constructed of plastic components.
5. There was a question on Page 1 of the septic plan regarding the buffer.
6. Does the proposed system have a battery backup?

Mr. Nusser responded:

1. Yes, the proposed system is compact – the pump component is within the tank.
2. Yes, there is less disruption.
3. Yes, they will be.
4. It is a state approved unit.
5. There is an error found and will be corrected.
6. Unknown.

Chair Colburn asked if there were any additional questions or discussion; there was no response.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Olsen for approval as follows:

Block / Lot: 51/49
Street Location: 7 Campbell's Brook Road
Number Bedrooms: 3
Map Title: Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal System, 7 Campbell's Brook Road, Block 51 Lot 49 Readington Twp, Hunterdon County
Number Sheets: 1-5
Map Date(s): 6/12/2023; revised 6/27/2023
Prepared By: Wayne J. Ingram, P.E
Survey: Partial Topographic Survey prepared by Wayne Ingram, PLS dated 4/28/2023
Reports: Hunterdon County Health Department dated 6/27/2023; Wetlands Letter prepared by Wayne Ingram dated 6/28/2023
Proposed System: Alteration with no expansion, pressure-dosed, mounded, soil replacement system that will use an ATU – Norweco Singulair Green that uses a pump tank of 450 gallons. The disposal field measures 810-sf.
Soil Testing: Done 5/2/2023, Soil log 1 at 132", with mottling at 70-132" and seepage at 31". Soil log 2 at 136", with mottling at 50-92" and seepage at 28". Permeability testing was done via SPCR in soil log 2 on 5/2/2023 at a depth of 120" and resulted in a K-3 rating.

There were no freshwater wetlands within 150' of the proposed system as noted in the wetlands letter prepared by Mr. Ingram.

The system will incorporate a pump which will require a deed restriction to be filed at the Hunterdon County Clerk's office and a copy returned to the BOH secretary within 90 days after installation. The engineer has informed the property owner of the maintenance requirements of the pump and effluent filter. The Board of Health secretary will email the deed restriction information to Mr. Ingram or Mr. Nusser so that he can provide the deed restriction information to the applicant.

It was noted that there are corrections needed to Page 1 of the septic design plan to correct the buffer information as well as add a revision comment.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Mittleman. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	John Kalinich	Aye	Karen Mittleman	Aye
Dave Olsen	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye		

Time heard 7:25 p.m.

2. Block 56/Lot 13 – FPA Engineers – 1 Thor Solberg Road

Escrow fees paid 7/5/2023, Ck# 928, \$750.00.

Mr. Chris Nusser, NJ licensed engineer, appeared before the board. This alteration is not the result of a real estate transfer. There are many challenges with this property. The well is located in the corner and the well circle takes up a major portion of the lot. There is a lot of water that flows through the lot. There is preserved land located behind the property. Two (2) variances are being requested which will help manage around all the spatial constraints that are present.

The board asked Mr. Nusser:

1. Does water flow perpendicular to Pulaski Road?
2. Is there a way to ensure the system doesn't float in water?

Mr. Nusser responded:

1. The engineer provided a description of how the water flows.
2. The engineer and the board members discussed options available.

Chair Colburn asked if there were any additional questions or discussion; there was no response.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Mittleman for approval as follows:

Block / Lot: 56/13
Street Location: 1 Thor Solberg Road
Number Bedrooms: 4
Map Title: Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal System, 1 Thor Solberg Road, Block 56 Lot 13 Readington Twp, Hunterdon County
Number Sheets: 1-5
Map Date(s): 5/17/2023; Revised 6/27/2023
Prepared By: Wayne J. Ingram, P.E
Survey: Topographic Survey prepared by Wayne Ingram, PLS dated 4/17/2023
Reports: Hunterdon County Health Department dated 6/30/2023; Wetlands Letter prepared by Wayne Ingram dated 6/28/2023
Proposed System: Alteration with no expansion, pressure-dosed, mounded, soil replacement system that will use an ATU – Norweco Singulair Green that uses a pump tank of 450 gallons. The disposal field measures 873-sf.
Soil Testing: Done 5/1/2023, Soil log 1 at 72", with no mottling and seepage at 55". Soil log 2 at 75", with no mottling and seepage at 42". Permeability testing was done via pit bail in soil log 2 on 5/1/2023 at a depth of 75" and resulted in K rating of 6.7 inches/hour.

There were no wetlands areas within 150' of the proposed system per the NJDEP Geoweb mapping.

The following waivers were granted by the board:

1. The proposed disposal field is 10.4 feet to the property line, which meets state code but doesn't meet the 15' distance per Readington Township ordinance.
2. The proposed disposal field is designed on 1.33 square feet per gallon of sewage, which meets and exceeds state code but doesn't meet the 1.61 square feet per gallon of sewage per Readington Township ordinance.

The system will incorporate a pump which will require a deed restriction to be filed at the Hunterdon County Clerk's office and a copy returned to the BOH secretary within 90 days after installation. The engineer has informed the property owner of the maintenance requirements of the pump and effluent filter. The Board of Health secretary will email the deed restriction information to Mr. Ingram so that he can provide the deed restriction information to the applicant.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Olsen. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	John Kalinich	Aye	Karen Mittleman	Aye
Dave Olsen	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye		

F. APPROVALS - EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION

None

G. Public Hearing

A motion was made by Mr. Kalinich to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a public hearing; seconded by Ms. Bettermann with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

1. ORDINANCE #BH.01-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 268 ENTITLED "INDIVIDUAL SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH VOLUME, SECTION 268-16B(10)4.3 REGULATING SEPARATION DISTANCES FOR SEPTIC TANK /PUMP PITS

Chair Colburn asked if there were any comments from board members. There were none.

There was no public in attendance at the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Kalinich to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Ms. Mittleman with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

A motion was made by Mr. Kalinich to adopt this ordinance change; seconded by Ms. Mittleman and on roll call vote the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	John Kalinich	Aye	Karen Mittleman	Aye
Dave Olsen	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye		

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Communication Plan – Update

Ms. Mittleman and Ms. Bettermann met to discuss the new communication plan for the Board of Health. A decision was made to divide it into seasonal topics and a suggested plan was presented to the members who then discussed topics for each season. The topic put together for consideration titled Summer Safety Tips will be put on the Board of Health webpage, put on the display in the municipal building lobby, requested to be put on the Township Facebook page and will be sent to the recipients of the listsrv email. It was also decided to make the *Communication Plan – Update* topic a standing agenda item.

Chair Colburn presented a photo of a recently cleaned septic tank and suggested that the photo be put on the Board of Health webpage; the members agreed this would be a good idea.

I. NEW BUSINESS

None

J. COMMENTS

Ms. Bettermann attended a Sustainable Hunterdon meeting that had many departments represented. The 2022 Healthy Community Report was distributed at this meeting. Ms. Bettermann will research to see if there is a digital version of this report. It was also stated that per the Cultural Heritage Commission, there are grants available to municipalities that are not taken advantage of.

K. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Mittleman to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kalinich, with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Radziewicz