

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
October 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Chair Colburn called the meeting to order at 7:04 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	Present	John Kalinich	Present
Karen Mittleman	Present	David Olsen	Present	Chair Colburn	Present

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of 9/20/2023

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

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

D. CORRESPONDENCE

1. HCHD COVID 19 Reporting
2. New Jersey DOH vector-borne surveillance report
3. Potential Hepatitis an Exposure: Food Handler in Monmouth County
4. September 28th: World Rabies Day
5. NJDEP Land Use Regulation Permit in support of an LOI extension - Block 36 Lot 4
6. Public Health Recall: Food Recalls
7. Public Health Advisory: Call for Enhanced Surveillance and Testing for Travel-Associated Cases of Legionnaires' Disease in Atlantic City
8. Public Health Advisory: Notice to Clinicians: Stay Vigilant for Cases of Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) in Fall 2023
9. Public Health Alert: Potential Disruption in Access to Care in Passaic County Region
10. Public Health Update: Facility Outbreak & Active Surveillance Survey Updates Beginning 10/09/23
11. Public Health Recall: Food Recalls 10/6/2023
12. Public Health Info: Influenza Surveillance Report

There was a brief discussion on correspondence item number 6 and how a grocery store member card will notify you of an item purchase you have made with that card if the product has been recalled.

E. APPROVALS

Alteration/No Expansion:

Time heard 7:07 p.m.

- 1. Block 48/Lot 21.18 – Bayer-Risse Engineering – 7 Latourette Road**
Escrow fees paid 9/23/2023 Ck #4283 \$750.00

Mr. Bill Jupinka, NJ licensed engineer, appeared before the board. The system is old and deteriorating and the owners would like to upgrade the system and eventually sell the home down the road. The new system will be

1000 gallons and slightly elevated. The owners are aware of maintenance requirements and deed restriction requirements.

The board asked Mr. Jupinka:

1. Why was the soil testing done in 2020?

Mr. Jupinka responded:

1. Since the system was not failing, they waited to begin the project for financial reasons.

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: 48/21.18
Street Location: 7 Latourette Road
Number Bedrooms: 3
Map Title: Septic System Alteration Design, Block 48 Lot 21.18, Readington Twp, Hunterdon Co., NJ
Number Sheets: 1-11
Map Date(s): 08/10/2021
Prepared By: Theodore H. Bayer, P. E.
Survey: Boundary and Topographic Survey prepared by Robert Ent, Jr. PLS dated 6/24/2020
Reports: Hunterdon County Health Department dated 9/27/2023; Wetlands Letter from Jeff Tariela Environmental Consulting dated 8/9/2021

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. Hoffman so that he can provide the deed restriction information to the applicant. Mr. Jupinka clarified that the system is pressure dosed.

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

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

2. **Block 55/Lot 22 – Douglas E. Fine, P. E. – 83 Hillcrest Road**

Escrow fees paid 9/26/2023 Ck #1809 \$750.00

Mr. Douglas Fine, NJ licensed engineer, appeared before the board. The application is for an alteration. The proposed system is for an existing 3-bedroom dwelling home. Owners were made aware of an issue after the inspection.

The board asked Mr. Fine:

1. There are only 5 soil logs not 6 as listed. The witness has 5 and 5 on the diagram.
2. The details of the HCHD application soil logs and the witness soil logs have minor discrepancies.
3. Your signature is listed on the HCHD application as a professional engineer. There is no additional signature for soil evaluator, are you that also?
4. Why does one sheet have a red line through it?

Mr. Fine responded:

1. Engineers do not receive the witness logs.
2. Engineers have their own field notes that become the data on the application.

3. Yes, I am both, correct.
4. It was revised and a corrected page is included at the end.

A brief discussion of septic systems built prior to 1990 took place. Chair Colburn commented he has not been satisfied with the soil witness process in the last few years. 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: 55/22
Street Location: 83 Hillcrest Road
Number Bedrooms: 3
Map Title: Septic System Alteration Design, Block 55 Lot 22, in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey for the Estate of Herbert R. Wood, 83 Hillcrest Rd., Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889
Number Sheets: 1-11
Map Date(s): 9/15/2023
Prepared By: Douglas E. Fine, P. E.
Survey: Partial Topographic Survey prepared by Patrick H. Fatton, PLS dated 8/9/2023
Reports: Hunterdon County Health Department dated 9/27/2023; Wetlands Letter from Jeff Tariela Environmental Consulting dated 8/12/2023

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. Hoffman so that he can provide the deed restriction information to the applicant. Mr. Jupinka clarified that the system is pressure dosed.

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

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

F. APPROVALS - EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION

None

G. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Mittleman reviewed the RFP prepared by Rich Sheola. A response is due November 1, 2023. The board officially welcomed Danielle as the new Board of Health Secretary and thanked Carol. She will be missed, and the board wishes her the best.

I. COMMUNICATION PLAN UPDATE

Two topics were proposed for the Township website and/or Facebook page. The first being mental health for NJ college students. Ms. Brown-Biondi had difficulty finding graphics to accompany the post. The secretary will supply options via email. A discussion of content for the township website took place. Other topics included vaccine awareness, fight the bite, and

coyote safety. The communication sub-committee will provide the secretary with a write-up for distribution via available communication channels.

J. COMMENTS

None

K. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Mittleman to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M., seconded by Ms. Brown-Biondo, with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Monaghan