

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2025, 7:00 PM**

Chair Colburn called the meeting to order at 7:01 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. ROLL CALL

Jodi Bettermann	Present	Theresa Brown Biondo	Present	Chair Colburn	Present
Bavly Hani	Absent	John Kalinich	Present	David Olsen	Present
Helen Pollack	Present	Wendy Sheay	Absent		

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

C.1. BOH Meeting Minutes of 3/19/2025:

Meeting minutes were tabled will be revised to include permeability tests, wetlands if applicable, and soil logs.

D. APPROVALS – ALTERATION/NO EXPANSION

D.1. Block 65 Lot 13.02 – 531 Locust Road – Kurt Hoffman Engineering

Time heard 7:05 PM

Kurt Hoffman, a licensed engineer in the State of New Jersey, appeared before the board on behalf of the seller to correct a malfunctioning septic system for an existing 4-bedroom dwelling. There are no freshwater wetlands, freshwater transition areas, or State Open Waters present with in the location of the proposed septic system. All information regarding maintenance requirements and deed restriction requirements will be given to the new owners.

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

Block / Lot: 65/13.02
Street Location: 531 Locust Road
Number Bedrooms: 4 Bedrooms
Map Title: Septic Design for Jensen Block 65 Lot 13.02 Readington Township, Hunterdon County, NJ
Number Sheets: 6
Map Date(s): 3/27/2025; Revise 4/1/2025
Prepared By: Kurt Hoffman P.E of Kurt Hoffman Engineering, Inc.
Survey: Topographic Survey for Bruce Jensen Lot 13.02 in Block 65 Situated in Readington Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey Prepared by David M. Newton P.L.S. from Newton Land Surveyor, LLC dated 3/26/2025; Map of Survey Bruce and Linda Jensen Locust Rd. – Readington Twp. Hunterdon Co. – New Jersey Prepared by Terrell M. Essig dated 9/3/1989
Reports: Soil Log Report prepared by Ron Sweitzer of Van Cleef Engineering completed on 3/18/2025 & 3/19/2025; Wetlands Letter prepared by Jeff Tareila, Senior Wetland Ecologist from Jeff Tareila Environmental Consulting dated 3/31/2025;

HCHD Review Letter prepared by Robert Vaccarella, R.E.H.S, Principal Environmental Health Specialist dated 4/6/2025

Proposed System: Alteration/no expansion 1,300-gal two compartment septic with a 6” Tuff Tite VH6 effluent filter and a 1,300-gal pump tank that and a 1,050 SF mounded soil replacement disposal field.

Waivers/Approvals: Pump system with deed restriction filed as required by Readington Township Board of Health ordinance.

Soil Logs: Soil logs 1 was dug to a depth of 65” with mottling at 32”-65” and ground water at 32”. Soil logs 2 was dug to a depth of 64” with mottling at 30”-64” and ground water at 30”. A Basin Flood permeability test was performed with passing results. The highest regional water table was 30 inches in soil log 2.

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

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye
Bavly Hani	----	John Kalinich	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	----		

D.2. Block 67.01 Lot 19.40 – 24 Weavers Lane Road – Doug Fine Engineering

Time heard 7:26 PM

Doug Fine, a licensed engineer in the State of New Jersey, appeared before the board on behalf of the applicant to correct a malfunctioning system for an existing 4-bedroom dwelling. The proposed system includes a pump which needs approval from the board. All information regarding maintenance requirements and deed restriction requirements will be given to the new owners.

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

Block / Lot: 67.01/19.40
Street Location: 24 Weavers Lane
Number Bedrooms: 4 Bedrooms
Map Title: Septic System Alteration Design Block 67.01 Lot 19.40 in the Township of Readington County of Hunterdon State of New Jersey for 24 Weavers Ln. WHS NJ 08889
Number Sheets: 11
Map Date(s): 3/17/2025; Revised 3/26/2025
Prepared By: Douglas E. Fine, P.E.
Survey: Location & Partial Topographic Survey for Kenneth & Sherri Stricker 24 Weavers Lane Block 67.01, Lot 19.40 Readington Township Hunterdon County, New Jersey Prepared by Patrick H. Fatton, P.L.S. dated 02/08/25
Reports: Soil Log Report prepared by Ron Sweitzer of Van Cleef Engineering completed on 12/23/2024; HCHD Review Letter prepared by Robert Vaccarella, R.E.H.S, Environmental Health Specialist dated 4/1/2025
Proposed System: The Proposed system is an alteration/no expansion new 1,300-gal two compartment septic tank with a 6” effluent filter PL625 and a 1,300-gal pump tank that will pressure dose a 1,064 SF fill enclosed soil replacement disposal field.
Waivers/Approvals: Pump system with deed restriction filed as required by Readington Township Board of Health ordinance.
Soil Logs: Soil log 1 was dug to a depth of 96” with mottling at 78” and no seepage or ground water. Soil log 2 was dug to a depth of 96” with mottling at 78” and no

seepage or ground water. Permeability test was a Basin Flood test duh at 72” and yielded a positive K rating.

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

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye
Bavly Hani	----	John Kalinich	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	----		

D.3. Block 74 Lot 41 – Barley Sheaf Road – Doug Fine Engineering.

Time heard 7:43 PM

Doug Fine, a licensed engineer in the State of New Jersey, appeared before the board on behalf of the homeowner who is preparing for a real estate transaction. The application is for an alteration with no expansion to correct a malfunctioning system to an existing 4-bedroom dwelling. The new system will include a pump and a 48” zone of treatment. The pump tank 100 ft from the well where 50 ft is required. There are no freshwater wetlands, freshwater transition areas, or State Open Waters present with in the location of the proposed septic system. All information regarding maintenance requirements and deed restriction requirements will be given to the new owners.

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

Block / Lot: 74/41
Street Location: 1061 Barley Sheaf Road
Number Bedrooms: 4 Bedrooms
Map Title: Septic System Alteration Design Block 74 Lot 41 in the Township of Readington County of Hunterdon State of New Jersey for 1061 Barley Sheaf Rd. Flemington NJ
Number Sheets: 11
Map Date(s): 3/27/2025; Sheet 2 and Sheet 3 Revised 4/1/2025
Prepared By: Douglas E. Fine, P.E.
Survey: Location & Partial Topographic Survey for John & Pauline Falcone Block 74, Lot 41 Readington Township Hunterdon County, New Jersey Prepared by Patrick H. Fatton, P.L.S. dated 3/25/25
Reports: Soil Log Report prepared by Ron Sweitzer of Van Cleef Engineering completed on 2/3/2025 & 2/4/2025; Wetlands Letter prepared by Jeff Tareila, Senior Wetland Ecologist from Jeff Tareila Environmental Consulting dated 2/28/2025; HCHD Review Letter prepared by Robert Vaccarella, R.E.H.S, Principal Environmental Health Specialist dated 4/1/2025
Proposed System: Alteration/no expansion 1,300-gal septic with a 1,300-gal pump tank that will pressure dose a 1,064 SF mounded fill enclosed soil replacement disposal field.
Waivers/Approvals: Pump system with deed restriction filed as required by Readington Township Board of Health ordinance
Soil Logs: 2 soil logs were selected out of the 5. Soil logs 4 were dug to a depth of 78 inches with mottling at 36” and seepage at 60”. Soil logs 5 were dug to a depth of 80” with mottling at 36” and seepage at 60”. The highest regional water table was at 36 inches in both soil logs 4 and 5. Pit bail test was done in SL4 at a depth of 78” with a result of 2.59 inches per hour.

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

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Abstain	Chair Colburn	Aye
Bavly Hani	----	John Kalinich	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	----		

E. APPROVALS – EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION

None.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

F.1 Hunterdon County Health Department Division of Mosquito & Vector Control 2025

F.2 Groundwater Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form: 3603 RT 22 Block 38 Lot 87

F.3 Public Health Alert: Patients throughout New Jersey and surrounding states at risk of controlled dangerous substance withdrawal due to disruption in access to medications

F.4 Public Health Info: Public Recreational Bathing Project Updates & Reminders for 2025

F.5 Public Health Update: Information for Veterinarians on H5N1 in Cats

F.6 Public Health Info: HPAI Guidance for Public Spaces

F.7 Public Health Info: Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report, Week ending March 15, 2025 (MMWR Week 11)

F.8 Public Health Update: Ongoing Risk of Dengue Virus Infections and Updated Testing Recommendations

F.9 Public Health Recall: Food Recalls

F.10 Public Health Alert: Potential Measles Exposure – Request for NJ Healthcare Providers to Maintain Vigilance

F.11 Public Health Info: Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report for week ending 3_22_25

F.12 Public Health Info: March 27, 2025, Weekly Public Health Update

F.13 Public Health Alert: NJ Residents Exposed to Non-NJ Measles Cases – Request for NJ Healthcare Providers to Maintain Vigilance 3.28.25

F.14 Training Announcement: Communicable Disease Forum: Marching into Spring! – Now Available on Demand

F.15 Public Health Alert: NJ Residents Exposed to Newly Identified Non-NJ Measles Case

4.2.2025

F.16 Public Health Alert: CORRECTION - NJ Residents Exposed to Newly Identified Non-NJ Measles Case 4.3.25

F.17 Public Health Info: April 3, 2025, Weekly Public Health Update

F.18 Public Health Info: April 10, 2025, Weekly Public Health Update

F.19 Public Health Info: Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report, Week ending March 29, 2025 (MMWR Week 13)

F.20 Public Health Info: Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report for week ending 4_5_25

F.21 Public Health Alert: NJ Residents Exposed to Newly Identified Non-NJ Measles Case

There was a discussion regarding correspondence items 1 and 2. Members asked for an update about the cats from HCHD.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

G.1. Tobacco Ordinance Tobacco Ordinance Revisions:

The board members discussed the proposed ordinance revisions and further revisions to be made. John noted in section 274-1 include the word “to”. Helen introduced the ordinance and did the first reading. The public hearing date set for May 21, 2025

H. NEW BUSINESS:

H1. Board members discussed the attendance bylaws, noting the absence of a meeting check-in process for establishing quorum

I. EMPLOYEE REPORTS

I1. None.

J. COMMUNICATION PLAN

J1. Board members discussed the communication plan, including topics such as tick prevention, an annual septic system notice in the newsletter, and verifying whether individuals vaccinated for MMR in the late 1960s should receive a booster.

K. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE(S)

K.1. Board member subcommittee appointments were made: The Chair appointed Jodi and Bavly to the Ordinance Subcommittee, which will address issues including garbage, septic, and food handler fees. The Communications Subcommittee will be led by Terri and Helen; the Finance Subcommittee by John and Dave, focusing on fees, soil logs, and contracts.

K.2. Sustainable Jersey:

Jodi Bettermann noted the next submission for Sustainable Jersey is May 16th. The letter regarding NJLBOH training will be included. No lead update at this time.

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

M. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Theresa Brown-Biondo at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Ms. Helen Pollack, with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye
Bavly Hani	----	John Kalinich	----	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	----		

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Monaghan, Board of Health Secretary