

Holland Massachusetts

Board of Health

Meeting Date: September 5, 2000
Members in attendance: Sally Blais, John Robbins and Dave Kowalski
Meeting Opened: 7:30 PM
Meeting Closed: 10:20 PM

John motioned, Sally seconded – Meeting Opened 7:30PM

Minutes of last meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Helen Kreiger – Bill Cundiff (Encon) Abutters Mr. Cromack, Mr. Vallone

Three well tests performed

- a. Cromack well less than 100' deep well tested OK.
- b. Vallone well greater than 100' showed coliform.
- c. Kreiger well less than 100' shallow well showed coliform.

Bill Cundiff talked about a new deep well. Sally and he entered into a heated debate over where the well would be placed in respect to a new septic system which has been proposed, but not as yet approved by the board. Bill Cundiff marked a spot on the blue print 50.01' from edge of proposed septic system. Sally became upset that Bill would suggest such a minimal distance for the well from a system that if approved would have absolutely no room to be moved. The conversation went back and forth with Sally expressing her concerns that the system could not be built exactly as proposed. Mr. Cundiff seemed very confident that he could build the system as drawn. He said that Helen was in danger of losing her funding and a decision had to be made quickly. Sally said issues could not be decided that quickly and Mr. Cundiff said he would speak with the funding agency and attempt to keep funding alive until the next meeting. Sally challenged Mr. Cundiff to pay for the system himself and charge Helen once it was completed and approved if he was that confident. As a result of this debate, Sally felt that she had become too involved in the issue and would therefore abstain from voting in the matter, she did not agree with the proposed well placement or with the carefree manner in which its proposed location was determined.

Bill Cundiff then asked John and Dave about well placement. Dave responded the he would like to see a distance greater than 52' and John responded a distance as great as possible, 60' if possible. Bill Cundiff then asked if this distance could be met would this be the last issue with the well. John and Dave felt that it would be the last issue regarding the well placement.

A conversation then ensued about whether or nor the abutters would be needed at the next meeting. The board felt that they would not, but that the letters and certifications as required by law must be presented. Mr. Cundiff attempted to skirt the issue and asked if the abutters could sign a paper. He was informed that the abutters did not have to attend the next meeting, but did have to sign the certified mail certificates as required by law.

Mr. Vallone asked advice of board. He was told a new deep well would solve his problem. He was told to get a plan drawn and that permit would be \$50.00.

After Helen, Bill Cundiff and the abutters left, Sally said that she felt that it might have appeared that John and Dave had given de facto approval for the septic system. Both John and Dave stressed that that was not their intention and that their concern was only for the well placement,

and that the proposed system would be evaluated once DEP and Arthur Quinn's opinions had been reviewed.

Furthermore, Sally clarified her reasons for abstaining from the vote. She did not appreciate Mr. Cundiff's carefree manner of placing the well at 50.01 feet from the proposed leach field, because this matter is very serious with many environmental concerns. Additionally, Sally felt that the system requires an inordinate number of variances and is very close to the lake in an area which Helen herself has shown eroded significantly over the last several years.

John and Dave stressed that their comments pertained only to well placement and were not meant to imply that the proposed system had been approved for construction. John and Dave agreed to have an additional public meeting on Tuesday September 12, 2000 at 7:30 PM to discuss the proposed septic system and make a final decision. Dave and John agreed to ask Arthur to enumerate all the variances which would be required should construction be approved.

Carl Louder (142 Sturbridge Road) came in for certificate of compliance for his new septic system. Arthur Quinn had already inspected the system and certificate was given to Mr. Louder.

Linda Wadden (realtor "Caldwell Banker") came in looking for certificate of compliance for William Ciarelli property (1 Pine Tree). The board was not in possession of as built for the system and therefore could not respond.

Sally motioned, Dave seconded - Meeting Adjourned 10:20 PM

Thursday 9/07/2000 John, Dave and Arthur Quinn met privately to discuss the many variances and environmental concerns associated with the Helen Kreiger septic system plan. John and Dave wanted to review the plan as thoroughly as possible prior to making the final decision in the matter.