

Minutes
Northfield Board of Health
April 5, 2023
6:00 PM
Northfield Town Hall
69 Main Street, Northfield, MA
Board of Health Office 2nd Floor* Moved to Selectboard Meeting Room

Call to Order: 6:13 pm

Quorum Established: David Balk, Ruth Potee, Kathy Bridges, Karen Boudreau, Allison Wahlstrom
Also Present: Pamela Veith, BOH Secretary, Howard and Jinx Hastings, James Holloway, Michele Wood, Sarah Kerns, Tammy Pellitier

Business:

- Continuation of discussion on Campground septic system construction permit.
 - Board was informed that Planning Board Chairman declined to come to BOH meeting. David pointed out that the Planning Board had done their job and was under no obligation to come. Conservation Commission Chair declined to come to BOH meeting.
 - It was pointed out that the only change to the original layout of the campground was to move the Community Hall and enlarge the parking and turnaround at end.
 - Ruth questions the "seasonal" status. Ali states she is uncomfortable with the occupancy numbers. David reminded all Board members that the design itself has already been approved. David states that the design was 100% Title V compliant and that even though this design is for a campground it is no different than a residential septic system in process. All septic systems in MA are designed for use year round. Should an expansion of occupancy be requested it would go to the Planning Board then the Building Inspector and then the Board of Health. By design of the septic system the occupancy is limited. Kathy states she would still feel better if the actual occupancy number as well as storm water areas be stated. An explanation to Ali about water for this project and how it is not under the Board of Health's power as the campground will be utilizing the town water supply in that area. Ali states that she is concerned about the amount of water that will be drawn and its affect on the reservoir.
 - The Board agreed to attach the following conditions to the Construction Permit for this septic system which will be provided by applicant to the Board of Health:
 - 1) Fee adjusted to \$1,000.00 to cover permits and any and all inspections required throughout the installation process. David made the motion, Ruth seconded, all approved.
 - 2) Approval statement from the Gradin Water District that the campground will be connected to their water system. Ali made the motion, Karen seconded, all approved.
 - 3) Determination of Applicability to be submitted to the Conservation Commission for review. David made motion, Kathy seconded, all approved.
 - 4) A contract with a Northfield MA permitted sewerage hauler to be in place. Kathy made motion, David seconded, all approved.
 - 5) Occupancy must follow a 2 person per unit and a maximum of 78 overnight guests as per Title V approved design which was approved. Karen made motion, Ali seconded, all approved.
 - David reiterated that this septic system design, which had been approved at a previous meeting, is a year round design. David also stated that putting occupancy dates would be overstepping into business of the Planning Board. As a campground this project will need an additional camp permit and show that it meets MA Standard 105CMR44.0 Chapter 6.
 - All the above stated conditions were approved by the Board to be attached to the Construction Permit for the campground septic system installation.

- FROCG discussion continued. Kathy is trying to nail down what the Town currently has for nursing services from FROCG compared to what the proposed grant will provide. Kathy states that there is another meeting of the District planned on this topic which she will attend and garner more information from. Board voted to carry this discussion over to our next meeting on April 26, 2023.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- March 9 minutes – approved
- March 29, 2023 Minutes- Minutes not completed, carried to next Meeting

Citizen's Concerns:

NONE

Permit Applications:

- Urine Fertilizer Permit being formatted with specific conditions approved by Board at March 29, 2023 meeting. Not completed for Board signatures.

Reports:

- NONE

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair within 48 Hours:

- NONE

Adjourn: 7:13 pm

Kathryn L. Brudger

Al J Wahlstrom

Al Poteen

David S. S. 5/10/23