

Board of Health
Town of Northfield
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2019

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Member's Present: Phil Baker, Dan Gray and Robert MacEwen

Other parties present: Claudia Lucas; Health Agent, Robert English; homeowner 367 Four Mile Brook Road, James Hawkins; Building Inspector, Town of Northfield, Andrew Bass; Esquire

Quorum Established

Hearing requested by Robert English, homeowner 367 Four Mile Brook Road.

Mr. English: Party states this structure has been up for 32 years. English states he met with J. Hawkins on June 28, 2018 to ask what are the permissible for this building. Based on what he was told, English states his belief was that no one can live in the building, it may only be rented for "other purpose". Mr. English states he believed he was told if someone 'falls asleep there' that would be fine. Mr. English believes he followed the instructions explicitly. Mr. English states this situation is affecting his health and well-being. Mr. English states he has not rented as an apartment or dwelling and it is in the rental lease specifically that parties are not to spend the night in this space.

Board of Health: Health Agent, Claudia Lucas explained this structure is not a legal dwelling. There are specific regulations that guide what constitutes a livable dwelling. These are not met here. Even if for one over-night stay, this would have to have a temporary occupancy permit. This building can be rented as a day space for things such as a work shop or art studio. Ms. Lucas further explained it is a public health issue as there is no running water or toileting facilities.

James Hawkins: Building Inspector, states he disagrees with Mr. English's assessment of the conversation. Mr. Hawkins states no permits were pulled for installation of upgraded heat source, electricity and possibly other upgrades. Mr. Hawkins states the permit requests years ago was to make space a woodshed.

Old Business:

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New Business:

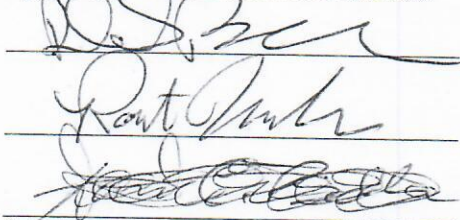
- Perc Test submitted: 436 Millers Falls Road - waiting for a soil evaluation.

Permit Applications:

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Meeting Adjourn: 7:30

Approved by the Northfield Board of Health



Submitted by Catherine Kostecki
BOH Secretary

