

MINUTES

PRESENT: M. DeSapio
R. Phillips
S. Stryker

ABSENT: T. Kratzer
P. Lubitz

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by M. DeSapio at 8:00 PM.

NOTIFICATION

In order to ensure full public participation at this meeting, all members of this Board, and members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Notification of the time, date and place of this meeting has been published in the Hunterdon County Democrat, Courier News and Express Times and has been posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building at least 48 hours prior to this meeting and has been filed with the Municipal Clerk.

NEW AND PENDING MATTERS

Peat Systems – Discussion with Representative of County Health Department

R. Vaccarella inquired if the Board had any questions regarding the peat systems. He started with a discussion on the history of the peat systems. It is an alternate system for malfunctioning systems with no expansion. They have been allowed by the State for about five years. He hasn't encountered many problems. The homeowner's must sign an agreement. The DEP issued a 2008 guidance document for the design engineers, which provides the details for the sizing, pumping, maintenance, etc. He stated there are approximately thirty in the County. Kingwood Township has about twelve. The State has done studies and has obtained some data. The State is impressed with the system. In regard to new construction and if all other requirements are met, a peat system would be like an additional treatment. He does not see any negatives if it is properly maintained. The County requests a deed restriction so any new homeowners are aware of the maintenance requirements. The average life span of the systems is still a question. There are three approved manufacturers of peat systems currently. He stated the peat system occasionally allows the size of the mound to be reduced. The treatment of the effluent is superior to the treatment in standard systems.

E. Rosina, engineer with ACT Engineers of Flemington, commented on the peat system. He has been involved in the design of systems for fifteen years in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He has a peat system at his own home. He has four children and has a neighbor with a mound system that does not seem to function as well as his. His system has worked flawlessly for four years. His maintenance company comes out and checks it regularly. He feels his septic field is clear. His system is a pump tank system, which he reviewed. He noted the peat systems are used in Canada. There were no issues with freezing. He feels that someday he may need to replace the pumps, but he will not have to dig up his field. He also commented on more recent technology and where it is going.

Septic Suitability review by County of Subdivision Applications

R. Vaccarella stated Kingwood and Readington are the only two municipalities in Hunterdon County that do not require the review by the County for septic suitability. R. Vaccarella reviewed the procedure an applicant would have to follow to obtain approval from the County.

It was moved by M. DeSapio, seconded by R. Phillips and carried to request the County Health Department to start reviewing subdivisions for septic suitability started on January 1, 2011. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

Blumberg – Block 19, Lot 3.04 – Alternate Septic Design Review

E. Rosina, ACT Engineers, was present for the application this evening. He stated the plans have not changed since the Board reviewed it several months ago. The application needs to go to the State of approval. The Township is voting to agree the applicant can apply to the State. Copies of the application were distributed to the Board members for their review. He reviewed for the Board how the system works. R. Vaccarella briefly reviewed several points from his prior letter. There were some additional comments indicating each application was very site specific.

It was moved by S. Stryker, seconded by R. Phillips and carried to approve the Alternate Septic Design for the above captioned property with the inclusion of the comments from the County as well as a condition that the dwelling could not be expanded without further approval. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

Wastewater Ordinance Committee – Appointment

M. MacConnell reported the proposed members are J. MacConnell, W. Pandey and S. McNicol.

Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2010

It was moved by S. Stryker, seconded by R. Phillips and carried to adopt the minutes of July 21, 2010 and place on file. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

Approval of Minutes of August 18, 2010.

It was moved by M. DeSapio, seconded by S. Stryker and carried to approve the minutes of August 18, 2010 and place on file. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

CORRESPONDENCE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by S. Stryker, seconded by R. Phillips and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. All members present voted **AYE**.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Laudenschick, Secretary