

**Minutes of the Carlisle Board of Health
May 11, 2010**

Present: Board Members Jeff Brem Chair, Chris Deignan, Bill Risso, Mark Caddell; absent Michael Holland; also present: Cathy Galligan (prospective member), Linda Fantasia, Agent, Nancy Pierce (Mosquito);

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Nickles Room at Town Hall.

MINUTES

It was moved (Deignan) and seconded (Risso) to approve the minutes of 4-27-10. Motion passed 4-0-0.

BILLS - It was moved (Risso) and seconded (Caddell) to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed 4-0-0.
Risso explained that the bills were mainly salaries and nursing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Well Testing – scheduled for June 3, 4, 5 with Nashoba Analytical. The Board agreed to include the six center wells being monitored for MTBE. The Board will pay for the basic water quality and VOC testing.

H1N1 Vaccine Disposal – CDC is preparing a “Central Vaccine Recovery Program”; the school does not have a problem with keeping the refrigerator in the First Aid room; it could be used by the Recreation Commission for holding water during the summer program.

Blackboard Connect CTY – The Selectmen and Board of Health are sharing the cost (\$1500/\$1575). The Board of Health is using PHER Grant money. Blackboard hopes to set up trainings later this month. The Town needs to select one or two users, possibly Police and Fire Chiefs. The company will upload white pages; residents will be able to add numbers via the town or company’s website. The board will check with the Town Clerk to see whether residents could add numbers on their census form. It may also be possible to include the request in the tax bill. A notice will be placed in the Mosquito once a year reminding residents to update their information.

125 South Street - four wells were tested for VOC’s. All results were negative.

271 Russell Street - debris has been removed and new sand placed. Rob Frado is waiting for engineered as-built. Owners did not apply for a loan.

Sanitarian Resumes – Three have been submitted. The deadline is May 28th. The Board will review in June. Fantasia will check with DPH on rates. The inspector will be paid per inspection.

Chestnut Estates – Stamski & McNary Inc (SMI) is preparing the designs. Many of the test pits shown on the subdivision plan used the “B” layer when they failed to reach 10’ depths. SMI wants to know if it is acceptable to the Board to use these test pits to design individual systems. It is allowed in Title 5. Rob Frado would prefer confirmatory test pits if possible. The land is very rocky and difficult to dig with a small machine. An excavator would get better results. The Board agreed that although Title 5 allows the use of the “B” layer in determining four feet of naturally occurring soils, the Board would prefer 10’ test pits. This will help to reduce the number of mounded systems.

High Water Season – the Board received one request to extend the season for a voluntary upgrade. The Board agreed to extend until May19th.

MA DPH Intern – the Board received no applications. The commute may be a factor.

Solutions for Government – this is a software permitting package used by Westford. The Board was not interested.

Flu Clinic – the Board agreed to investigate holding a seasonal public flu clinic next fall. Fantasia will check with the school calendar for dates.

BENFIELD FARMS DEVELOPMENT – Risso, Deignan and Fantasia attended the last ZBA meeting. Deignan presented the Board's comments on the peer review. The well has been relocated with the agreement of all parties. ZBA had questions on how monitoring wells would be used. There was some misunderstanding by some abutters on whether their wells would be monitored. Deignan explained that the wells were sometimes included with the public water supply development. They would be helpful to assess a problem should one arise. Fantasia asked whether the Board wanted to address use of pesticides on the property. It is not allowed in Zone I but there could be spraying around the building. The Board decided to leave this up to the property manager.

FERNS COUNTRY STORE – Carlisle Center Ventures LLC entered into an Administrative Consent Order with DEP in order to bring Fern's Country Store into compliance with Mass DEP's Drinking Water and Title 5 Regulations. The well has been registered as a transient non-community public water system and a required sampling schedule established. Water quality results do not require treatment. Although the store does not meet Zone I requirements, DEP determined that it is not feasible for the store to gain control over this area. A new well head enclosure must be installed by May 21st. DEP also granted an Amended Title 5 Variance originally approved on January 4, 1996. The Amendment allows for the location of the septic system, tank and distribution box within the Zone I of a public water system; the use of a public restroom with a composting toilet, a hand washing sink, and modified design flows based on current usage but within the approved design flows for system capacity. A number of ongoing conditions were set which will be monitored by the Board. The Amended variance must be recorded at the Registry of Deeds within 30 days of issuance. Brem said it has been a very long process but a successful conclusion. This will now allow Fern's to proceed with additional improvements to the property, including a proposed interior seating area.

FOSS FARM COMMUNITY GARDENS – the Board received a letter from two gardeners expressing concern about the use of fresh animal bedding as mulch. The letter claims that the straw bedding contains urine and feces from animals. It is uncomposted. It gives off odors and attracts flies, biting insects and rodents. The Board has local regulations on manure management on properties that house animals. The Board agreed that composting manure requires active treatment to enhance the decomposition. Composted manure is a rich source of nutrients for the soil and a good growing medium. The Board did not know whether uncomposted manure from the fresh bedding could contaminate the produce with pathogens and microorganisms. Fresh produce sold at a farmer's market is unregulated. Contaminated produce could be a source of food borne illness, particularly if sold to someone at high risk. Brem said the board has authority under Chapter 111 Sec 122 to control nuisances. There was general agreement among the board that fresh bedding which still includes some form of animal waste on food plants may not be a good practice. Since Foss Farm is under the control of the Conservation Commission and has a management program, the Board agreed to invite the Conservation Administrator and Managers to the next board meeting. Caddell was concerned that the Board not wait to make their concerns known since the gardens are being planted now. The Board agreed to send an advisory letter to the Conservation Commission expressing their concerns about possible health risks associated with mulching gardens with fresh animal bedding as well as the resulting nuisance from flies, rodents and odors at the community gardens. The Board would like the Commission and Foss Farm managers to ask gardeners to stop using this mulch if there is a better and safer product available. The Board will continue to research the issue.

BOARD THANK YOU TO CHRIS DEIGNAN – the Board noted that it was Deignan's last meeting. He decided not to run for re-election because of work and family commitments. The Board thanked him for his work on the Board and particularly his help with the land use committees dealing with comprehensive B permits. Deignan offered to stay available to the Board if needed.

MEETING DATES: 5/25/10, 6/8/10, 6/29/10, 7/13/10, 8/10/10.

Lyme Presentation – Fantasia is still working on finding a medical professional.

Sharps Disposal – Galligan explained that the new law goes into effect 7/1/10. The Board needs to consider a way for residents to dispose of sharps since they will no longer be allowed in the trash. Some communities have kiosks

but they must be monitored. Galligan said a mail back program is possible but expensive. She hopes to work on this project as a member of the Board.

There was no further business discussed. Meeting voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fantasia
Recorder