

**Minutes for  
Town of Hanson  
Board of Health Meeting  
Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

Meeting Start Time: 4:00 pm

Place: Second Floor Hearing room  
Hanson Town Hall, 542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Having a quorum, Mr. Amado called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.  
Present: Mr. Amado, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Dias, Ms. Tramontana & Ms. Cocio

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Read and sign all mail, permits, warrants and expense vouchers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

I. New Business:

1. The Board's next meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.
2. Fire Station Septic System- Al Hanscome came before the Board to discuss the plans for the Fire Station septic system. Bob Bagallini of BETA stated that at the last meeting they wanted to take some elevation pictures to confirm the pond elevation. The water table elevation is what is driving the options for the system. If the elevation is at 62" it is a little deeper than BETA's assessment. Steve Wry conducted the original perc tests. Al Hanscome suggesting digging another test hole to confirm mottling. If the water table is deeper than BETA suggests there are more options for design. Alan Dias is recommending a chamber system. Al Hanscome would like to re-design for option 2 which is infiltrator chambers and then determine what type of vertical profile we will have above existing grade. Everyone is comfortable with the 62" water table. This would also be the least expensive of the options. Some variances will be required. Distance to groundwater and Sieve. Based on water meter readings Alan Dias suggested designing the system for 525gpd which would be 42 chambers.
3. Transfer Station Operations – The leaf pile should remain open. Chris closes the leaf pile after the first snow because the melted snow creates standing water and there is a 1/3 of the leaf pile in water making it unusable. They normally open it April 1<sup>st</sup> after all snow and water is gone. They generally remove trash, sand and salt from the pile which allows the leaves to be composted by Al Wood. It is now down to the Geo-Textile. There is approx. a 15'x25' water area that needs to be fixed. Perhaps Al Wood could drop some fill in the area to dry out the area. The Health Agent will check with Merry and Al to see if the issue can be resolved this way.

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4. Mr. Amado asked the Health Agent to give all Transfer Station part time personnel their job descriptions and the Rules and Regulations. Part Time employees should review and initial each page of the packet. This will insure that all employees are on the same page.
5. The Board was made aware of the issues with NBW and ABC. NBW has not submitted any rebate checks for cardboard since October, 2015. They also underpaid several times prior to October. The Health Agent and Ms. Cocio have tried to contact them via telephone and e-mail several times with no response. We have been told that NBW and ABC are having financial difficulties. The Board asked the Health Agent to research other options with SSRC. The Board approved the withholding of payment. Ms. Cocio spoke with the Town Accountant regarding short paying an invoice to recoup the rebates. The Accountant approved the option. The next NBW invoice will be short paid.
6. Steve Nelson came before the Board to discuss leach field rejuvenation. The current system, located at Damian's, is slowly failing. Last year they did a test pit and they were able to determine that the problem is in the bio-mat. The goal is to give the field some breathing room. There have been some occasions of breakout. They would like to inject a line cleaner. All aspects are approved by DEP. Component repair is being requested. An observation port will be added to check the levels. Steve will draw up a time table and a schematic drawing of the system. Steve will report back to the Board in two months to ascertain the success of the project.
7. The Board discussed the fines for Food Establishments. The Health Agent could not comment as the former Health Agent Vincent Flaherty is conducting inspections. Chairman Amado would like to fine establishments that need multiple inspections.
8. Blue Grass on the Bogs – Dave Blauss, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, came before the Board to discuss the Blue Grass on the Bog event scheduled for May 20 – 22, 2016. RV's will be self contained no dumping will be allowed. 20 Portable toilets will be used as well 2 bath houses. They are expecting about the same amount of campers as last year, 500. The Lodge will be closed. They will pump before the event and portable toilets will be located away from the pond. 10+ tent sites, Cabins & RV's. Security will be present to prevent anyone from dumping their septic waste at any time at the camp.

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9. Kiwanee Septic – The Recreation Commission has sent the plan out to bid. They have received bids from Webby Engineering and Land Planning waiting for a 3<sup>rd</sup> engineer bid. They hope to have all bids within a couple of weeks. The cost will most likely come out of Kiwanee funds as Dave Blauss does not see the Camp getting capital improvement money any time soon. Nothing can begin until at least November, as they do not want to interfere with the camping season. They are treating the Lodge and the South end systems as tight tanks. The capacity of the Lodge is 200. 30 rental cabins, 10+ tent sites. Per cabin occupancy is limited to 6 people. Water use records will have to be looked at to get a better use calculation. The Town Administrator, Rich LaCamera came before the Board to discuss the septic at Kiwanee. As the Chief Procurement Officer, he said the camp should be putting together a RFP of exactly what is needed for the septic i.e. capacity, facilities, expansion etc. He is very concerned after reading some of the Recreation Commission minutes that the South system is failed. He thinks it should be done right and he does not think it is being done right. It needs to be outlined in the RFP. The bids should come in with all engineers quoting the same thing. We don't want the same issues that have occurred at the Fire Station, which has been sent out to bid several times. North End gets minimal use so the priorities will be the Lodge and the South End. Dave Blauss said they may have to hold the article at the May, 2016 Town Meeting request for \$75k if they do not receive the bids back in time as they may not need \$75k. Dave Blauss stated that The Lodge is the priority but it depends on how the bids come in. If the South End is cheaper, they may start there. The Board would like an update at our next meeting on May 10, 2016 on the septic status. The Chairman would like the Health Agent to track and follow up with Dave Blauss in regards to Kiwanee's septic.

10. Septic Plans before the Board for review

a. **250 Adams Circle – Deed Restriction – Sieve - 4 Bedroom** – Mr. McSweeney made a motion to approve the submitted plan with the following variances

i. To allow the use of a sieve analysis instead of perc test to determine load rate.

ii. To allow a 4' separation from the bottom of the proposed SAS to soil mottling instead of the required 5'.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Dias, approved 3-0

b. **121 Meryl Street** – The Board would like the Engineer to better explain the plan design and the need for a variance.

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II. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Ms. Dias, second by Mr. Amado.

Unanimous 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

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Gilbert B. Amado,  
Chairman

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Arlene Dias  
Vice-Chair

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Terence McSweeney,  
Member