

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH**

**April 19, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

Chair Colburn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

**A. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**B. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:**

Jodi Bettermann	Present	Theresa Brown Biondo	Present	John Kalinich	Present
Karen Mittleman	Present	David Olsen	Present	Chair Colburn	Present

Also in attendance: Joe Kosinski – Ferriero Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of 3/15/2023**

A motion was made by Ms. Mittleman and seconded by Mr. Olsen for approval of the minutes as amended. On roll call, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	John Kalinich	Aye
Karen Mittleman	Aye	David Olsen	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye

**D. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. HCHD COVID 19 Reporting
2. HCHD Influenza Reporting
3. N.J. Vector-borne Disease Surveillance Reporting
4. Confirmed Measles Case, Middlesex Cty – Request for NJ Healthcare Providers to Be Vigilant
5. NJ Parent Link Youth Mental Health & School/Home Partnership Resources
6. CTM Environmental - Potable Well Test Results
7. HCHD Pesticides Regulations
8. Application for GP 24 - B. 50 Lot 37.03 - 3 Springtown Rd
9. Updated Hepatitis B Screening and Testing Guidelines
10. Candida auris: Identification, Reporting and Infection Prevention Guidance Updates
11. Babesiosis Update: National and New Jersey Trends
12. Survey for NJ Small Animal Veterinarians
13. Influenza Honor Roll Final Reminder - Deadline 3/31/2023
14. Application for Freshwater Wetlands LOI - 710 Route 202 - B. 81 Lot 2
15. Application Freshwater Wetlands LOI - 68 County Line Rd - B. 9.01 Lot 3.06
16. NJDEP Site Remediation - 3603 Route 22
18. CDC HAN489: Marburg Virus Disease Outbreaks in Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania
19. Protect Me With 3+ Voting Extended to April 12, 2023
20. Help Celebrate National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW)
21. New Jersey "Adopt a Shelter Pet Day"

*Comments were made regarding item #7 as to whether or not the County would be spraying this year.*

**E. APPROVALS**

**Alteration/No Expansion:**

Chair Colburn recuses himself from this application.

*Time heard 7:07 p.m.*

**1. Block 67/Lot 26 – Erica Busch, PE – 30 Forty Oaks Road**

Escrow fees paid 3/29/2023, Ck# 115, \$750.00.

Ms. Erica Busch, NJ licensed engineer, appeared before the board. The applicant is the executor for a family member's estate. The property currently has a cesspool and is for sale.

The board asked Ms. Busch:

1. Was there any well/water testing done?
2. In the County review letter, it references a watercourse. Should this be the well?
3. Can you testify that there are no wetlands in proximity to the proposed system?
4. On sheet 2 of 5, it specifies perc testing. Is this correct?

Ms. Busch responded:

1. Water testing has to be done for the sale however there were no results provided.
2. Yes, that letter should specify the distance to the existing well and not a watercourse.
3. According to the NJDEP GeoWeb map, there were no wetlands within 150' of the proposed system.
4. This testing is done in the sand and it is something that the state allows.

Chair Colburn asked if there were any additional questions or discussion; there was no response.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Olsen for approval as follows:

**Block / Lot:** 67/26  
**Street Location:** 30 Forty Oaks Road  
**Number Bedrooms:** 2  
**Map Title:** Septic System Alteration, Block 67 Lot 26, Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey  
**Number Sheets:** 1-5  
**Map Date(s):** 3/22/2023  
**Prepared By:** Erica Busch, P.E  
**Survey:** Survey of Property prepared by Daniel E. Parker, NJLS dated 3/15/2023  
**Reports:** Hunterdon County Health Department dated 3/31/2023; revised 4/19/2023  
**Proposed System:** Alteration with no expansion, gravity-dosed, bottom-lined, soil replacement system that will use a new 1,000-gallon, two-compartment septic tank with a Polylok 525 effluent filter, and a 1,000-gallon pump tank. The disposal field is 570 sf.  
**Soil Testing:** Done 3/15/2023, Soil log 1 at 134", with no mottling and no seepage. Soil log 2 at 126", with no mottling and no seepage. Permeability testing was done via basin flood in soil log 1 on 3/15/2023 at a depth of 86" and resulted in positive result.

There were no freshwater wetlands or state open waters within 150' of the proposed system as shown in NJDEP GeoWeb website and testified by the engineer.

A variance was granted for the proposed septic tank and the proposed pump tank being only 53 and 55 feet, respectively, from the existing well.

A corrected HCHD review letter will be requested.

The system will incorporate a pump which will require a deed restriction to be filed at the Hunterdon County Clerk’s office and a copy returned to the BOH secretary within 90 days after installation. The engineer has informed the property owner of the maintenance requirements of the pump and effluent filter. The Board of Health secretary will email the deed restriction information to Ms. Busch so that he can provide the deed restriction information to the applicant.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Mittleman. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	John Kalinich	Aye
Karen Mittleman	Aye	David Olsen	Aye	Chair Colburn	Recused

Chair Colburn returns to the dais.

*Time heard 7:19 p.m.*

**2. Block 51.03/Lot 6 – Bayer-Risse Engineering – 32 Springtown Road**

Escrow fees paid 4/5/2023, Ck# 106, \$750.00.

Mr. Bill Jupinka, NJ licensed engineer, appeared before the board. The home is for sale and currently has two (2) systems. The tanks are leaking yet no saturation was noted. A pump will be necessary as they were unable to achieve gravity due to the depths of the pipes.

The board asked Mr. Jupinka:

1. The County review letter states the system is mounded. Is this correct?
2. Were the homeowners not aware that the tanks were leaking?
3. Could the tanks be moved closer to the house?

Mr. Jupinka responded:

1. No, this is not a mounded system.
2. No.
3. No, because of the pitch of the land.

Chair Colburn asked if there were any additional questions or discussion; there was no response.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Mittleman for approval as follows:

**Block / Lot:** 51.03/6  
**Street Location:** 32 Springtown Road  
**Number Bedrooms:** 5  
**Map Title:** Septic System Alteration Design, Block 51.03 Lot 6, 32 Springtown Road, Readington Twp, Hunterdon Co., NJ  
**Number Sheets:** 1-12  
**Map Date(s):** 3/27/2023  
**Prepared By:** Theodore H. Bayer, P.E  
**Survey:** Property Survey prepared by John J. Vida, PLS dated 1/3/2007; Typographic Survey by Robert Ent, Jr., PLS  
**Reports:** Hunterdon County Health Department dated 4/5/2023; Wetlands Letter from Jeff Tariela Environmental Consulting dated 3/16/2023  
**Proposed System:** Alteration with no expansion, pressure-dosed, fill-enclosed, soil replacement system that will use a new 1,500-gallon, two-compartment septic tank with a 6-inch effluent filter, and a 1,500-gallon pump tank. The disposal bed is 1,288-sf.

**Soil Testing:** Done 3/2/2023, Soil log 302-1 at 115”, with no mottling and seepage at 60”. Soil log 302-2 at 117” with no mottling and seepage 72”. Permeability testing was done via pit bail test in soil log 302-1 on 3/2/2023 at a depth of 100” with a K rating of 0.3 inches/hour.

There were no freshwater wetlands or state open waters within 100’ of the proposed system as noted by Tareila’s letter and in the design.

A corrected HCHD review letter will be requested.

The system will incorporate a pump which will require a deed restriction to be filed at the Hunterdon County Clerk’s office and a copy returned to the BOH secretary within 90 days after installation. The engineer has informed the property owner of the maintenance requirements of the pump and effluent filter. The Board of Health secretary will email the deed restriction information to Mr. Jupinka so that he can provide the deed restriction information to the applicant.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kalinich. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	John Kalinich	Aye
Karen Mittleman	Aye	David Olsen	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye

*Time heard 7:31 p.m.*

**3. Block 1.01/Lot 14.15 – Parker Engineering – 18 Lance Road**

Escrow fees paid 4/10/2023, Ck# 5569, \$750.00.

Mr. Steve Parker, NJ licensed engineer, appeared before the board. This is a home sale. The system is original to the house and believed to be from the 1980s. A pump is required due to the location of the field and other constraints on the property. There is an ejector pump in the basement. They are requesting to keep the existing tank (if it is watertight) as it is located under the walkway. A new septic tank and a pump tank will be added.

The board asked Mr. Parker:

1. How would the piping work if the existing tank is kept.
2. Does the ejector pump have cast iron piping?
3. Note 33 in the plans state that the system is not designed for use with an ejector pump.

Mr. Parker responded:

1. Provided an explanation as to how it would work with two septic tanks and a pump tank.
2. Unknown
3. The plans will be corrected to remove this note.

A concern about the longevity of the existing septic tanks was expressed.

It was also noted that the well on the septic design is in the wrong place; corrected plans will be provided.

Chair Colburn asked if there were any additional questions or discussion; there was no response.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Brown Biondo for approval as follows:

**Block / Lot:** 1.01/14.15  
**Street Location:** 18 Lance Road  
**Number Bedrooms:** 4  
**Map Title:** Septic System Design, 18 Lance Road, Tax Map Lot 14.15 Block 1.01, Township of

Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey

**Number Sheets:** 1-2

**Map Date(s):** 4/3/2023

**Prepared By:** Stephen E. Parker, P.E

**Survey:** Map of Property prepared by William E. Breese, LLS dated 5/15/2000

**Reports:** Hunterdon County Health Department dated 4/10/2023

**Proposed System:** Alteration with no expansion, gravity-dosed, mounded, soil replacement system that will use a new 1,500-gallon, two-compartment septic tank with a 6-inch effluent filter, and a 1,300-gallon pump tank. The disposal bed is 1,062-sf.

**Soil Testing:** Done 2/23/2023, Soil log 1 at 120”, with no mottling and no seepage. Soil log 2 at 128” with mottling at 50-60” and no seepage. Soil permeability class rating tests were performed in soil log 2 on 2/23/2023 at 84” resulting in a K1 rating.

There were no freshwater wetlands or state open waters within 150’ of the proposed system as noted in the design.

A variance was granted for the proposed disposal field being only 50 feet from the existing storm drain piping.

The system will incorporate a pump which will require a deed restriction to be filed at the Hunterdon County Clerk’s office and a copy returned to the BOH secretary within 90 days after installation. The engineer has informed the property owner of the maintenance requirements of the pump and effluent filter. The Board of Health secretary will email the deed restriction information to Mr. Parker so that he can provide the deed restriction information to the applicant.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Mittleman. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	John Kalinich	Nay
Karen Mittleman	Aye	David Olsen	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye

**F. APPROVALS - EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION**

None

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Discussion: Reduce Township Distance Requirement**

Since septic tanks are now required to be watertight, it would be safe to set the Readington Township distance requirements from tanks to wells and/or watercourses, currently set to 100 feet, to state levels, currently set to 50 feet. The secretary will consult with the township attorney to identify the process to remove this restriction from the Township code.

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Select Quarterly Topic for Emailing to Listsrv**

The members discussed multiple topics that could be emailed to residents using the listsrv. Topics include Register Ready, the use of 211, and palliative care and the Practitioner Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form. The members decided to select Register Ready as a topic to promote. Ms. Brown Biondo will get the necessary information to the secretary who will formulate an email.

**2. Communications Options Available**

Due to the new Facebook page created for Township use, a social media policy was written by the administration and distributed to all board members. The members discussed this new communication avenue as well as still desiring to use articles in the Readington News, the Township webpage and emails. It is encouraged that all boards utilize the Facebook page to communicate with Readington residents.

**I. COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Kalinich to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m., seconded by Ms. Mittleman, with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Radziewicz