

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
May 15, 2024, 7:00 PM**

Chair Colburn called the meeting to order at 7:03 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. ROLL CALL:

Jodi Bettermann	Present	Theresa Brown Biondo	Absent	Chair Colburn	Present
John Kalinich	Present	Karen Mittleman	Present	David Olsen	Present
Helen Pollack	Present	Wendy Sheay	Absent		

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. BOH Meeting Minutes of 4/17/2024

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

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Absent	Chair Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Karen Mittleman	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	Absent		

D. CORRESPONDENCE:

- D.1 Public Health Advisory: Increase in Invasive Group A Strep Infections in New Jersey
- D.2 Public Health Recall: Food Recalls
- D.3 Public Health Advisory: CDC HAN: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Virus
- D.4 Public Health Info: April 17th CDC/ISDA Clinician Call: Focus on Measles Apr 17, 4:00 PM
- D.5 Public Health Info: Respiratory Virus Guidance for K-12 Schools, Youth Camps and Childcare Centers
- D.6 Public Health Info: Registration is Open for the 2024 NJ School Immunization Requirements Webinar
- D.7 Training Announcement: NJDOH Mpox Webinar: “An Update on Mpox in New Jersey: What Providers Need to Know”
- D.8 Training Announcement: Project Firstline Free Online Self-Paced Infection Control Training
- D.9 Public Health Advisory: Adverse Effects Linked to Counterfeit or Mishandled Botulinum Toxin Injections
- D.10 Training Announcement: Registration Open: CDS Communicable Disease Forum - May 1st, 2024
- D.11 Public Health Info: May 28th, 2024, at 2 pm: Next Office Hours with NJDOH Veterinary Public Health
- D.12 Public Health Advisory: Preventing Heat-Related Illness in Vulnerable Populations

- D.13 Public Health Update: New Chickenpox Case Definition and Updated Tools
- D.14 Public Health Info: Request for local health departments to complete a SUPS survey
- D.15 Public Health Update: New Jersey Poison Control Center and Xylazine Reporting
- D.16 Public Health Recall: Dixon Ticonderoga Recalls Creativity Street Foam Pattern Rollers Due to Violation of Federal Lead Content Ban
- D.17 Public Health Info: Guidance for NJ Schools on Hot and Humid Days
- D.18 Public Health Info: COVID-19 and Respiratory Illness Activity Report for week ending 4/27/24
- D.19 Training Announcement: Training Announcement: Ticks and Tips for Infectious Disease Prevention for Schools & Childcare Providers – 5/16/2024
- D.20 Public Health Info: Influenza Surveillance Report, Week ending May 04, 2024 (MMWR week 18)
- D.21 Training Announcement: LHO Ramping Up for Summer- Youth Camp and Public Recreational Bathing Project Updates

Jodi discussed a LINCS message from May 1st regarding a SUPS Survey that is not listed on the agenda. The County Health Department completed that survey. Jodi requested a copy be sent to the Board of Health secretary.

The Chair invited Carla Hobbs, R.E.H.S., to provide an update and review the 2023 annual report that highlights the 16 programs HCHD runs, which is also published online. Carla asked the board what type of information and reports the board would like to receive from the county.

The board asked how the maintenance of septic systems could be tracked, and a brief discussion took place. It was suggested that a reminder could be sent along with tax bills. Members alerted Carla that E. Coli has been found at Lake Cushetunk and is a real concern. Carla said to provide the county with the address to do an investigation. Carla discussed all the facilities inspected by the county. Plans are approved at the local BOH level, once it is approved there is no follow-up or database maintained to track them. Lack of software to maintain a database is part of the issue. Carla said she can provide information such as the date its approved, the inspection date, and date of final certificate is issued monthly. Filing of the deed restrictions for pump and ATU systems was discussed and permission to use the system until that is satisfied. Carla said ATU systems per state code require a deed restriction, so those certificates are not issued until that is completed. Carla asked the board why they require deed restrictions for pump systems. The chair said it is the township regulations. It is there to inform the subsequent buyer of the property that that requirement needs to be met. Carla discussed that approved applications are valid for 5 years. After that they can renew the approval or let the approval expire. Enforcement of maintenance agreements are tracked by the county for ATUs, and homeowners will be issued a notice of violation for failing to renew their contracts. The county has a database of maintenance agreements. A report can be generated to update the board of township repairs identifying the location of repair and what part of the system is being repaired. All are replacement in kind, nothing being changed. A larger tank can be installed as well. Cesspools are no longer considered a new system. Carla discussed the new database software they are switching over to a new system and reports can be tailored. Win Wam has been used since 2014 and she gave a

background on the software. Karen asked if there is a database of all septic's in Readington. Carla said there is not, and the database only goes back to the late 90s. The county could provide a list of blocks/lots and addresses with septic systems they have on file. Health inspections at food establishments were discussed. Conditionally satisfactory establishments have two weeks to correct and then are reinspected. The chair requested a Gravity systems data report. The board used to approve all soil logs for every type of system, and now it is for pump systems only. Carla emphasized the importance of pools, kennels and restaurants contacting the county prior to local permits being issued need clearance from the county. A meeting was just held discussing temporary events and getting a handle on the food truck applications to be properly reviewed. Some towns will issue a yearly license for a food truck. The township committee issues special event permits which allows for food trucks to operate at the approved special event. The county will inspect every temporary food truck or stand present even if they do not have a permit. The county will still conduct an inspection for ensure food safety and then notify the township about the unpermitted attendance. The county currently will only charge the township once per year regardless of the number of inspections done at that establishment. The fees the county has now do not align. We need to catch up with how we are charging for this and monitoring this and fees on both ends need to be updated. First quarter billing was just completed and will be received by the township shortly. The county contracts with 26 municipalities. Nurses do lead screenings and handle all lead cases for children 6 and under. Investigations are done for elevated blood lead levels. Carla is the only licensed Lead inspector/Risk assessor at the county at the moment, so she conducts those investigations. Carla explained the process and procedures of lead investigations and gave examples of situations seen. Jodi said the green team is interested in promoting lead screening and lead and its impact on health for the sustainable NJ and an outreach component. The lead service line replacement requirements were discussed. Lead screenings are free, and NJ is reducing the lead level again soon because there is no safe level of lead. It is possible to see more cases the threshold requirements changing. The chair and members thanked Carla for coming and providing the information. Jodi will email Carla directly for the information she is looking for. The secretary will request the reports discussed.

E. APPROVALS - ALTERATION/NO EXPANSION:

1. Block 44/Lot 30 – Kurt Hoffman Engineering – 101 Dreahook Road

Escrow fees paid 4/262024, Ck#6517, \$750.00.

Time heard 7:57 p.m.

Kurt Hoffman, a NJ licensed engineer introduced himself and discussed the application. The property is up for sale. The septic inspection failed. The design includes a pump. A waiver for a distance requirement to the drainage pipe is also required. The GP24 state permit was required and was done by Jeff Tereila. This parcel is completely wetlands and buffer zone. The homeowner is aware of the deed requirements.

The board asked Mr. Hoffman:

1. is a bathroom in the studio workshop?
2. The main house has 5 bedrooms.
3. The two dwelling go into the tank and then it is pumped back
4. The driveway
5. No one will be parking over the tanks.
6. Google maps show a driveway coming into the circle
7. Is the existing driveway dirt or paved?
8. There is a pitch from the garage to the septic that's only a ft and a half
9. The distance requirement request at 70 ft vs 100 is the best you can do?
10. The gp24 is for a specific area or the whole design?
11. Usually, it's a schedule 30 pipe sleeved with a schedule 80 pipe if it runs under a driveway are you sleeving it?

12. On one end the mound is going to be 6 ft and the other end of the mound is 7 ft. and would prefer to see something bigger than a 3 to 1 slope there so a breakout does not happen easily
13. The requirement is 10 ft to the property line. I would feel more comfortable with that
14. The Readington Board of Health application has the wrong thing checked off and says alteration/expansion/change in use, but this is no expansion, right?

Mr. Hoffman responded:

1. Yes. It is a workshop studio, there is no bedroom or apartment but there is a bathroom. Field is not saturated just clay tiles laterals that are starting to disintegrate
2. Two structures. 3 bedrooms in unit 1 and 2 bedrooms in unit 2. And a shed with a studio workshop and bathroom
3. Yes, the 3-bedroom dwelling is the main dwelling. That goes to the cottage house in the front. Then the cottage house will flow and join up and have the studio tied into the tank in the front of the property. The same trench will have the pump line to the septic bed in the back.
4. Coming off the driveway is a walkway and is not labeled on the design. Nothing is built under the driveways.
5. No, the tanks are in the lawn
6. My page 7 of 7 shows that all.
7. It is gravel
8. That is worst case scenario from the cottage to the tank, but it is a short distance.
9. It is 72 ft to the drainage pipe and over 130 feet to the stream on the other side. The environmentally sensitive issue is the stream and would rather have a further distance to the stream versus averaging out the distances. I elected to favor that side.
10. When you get a GP24 it means you have no location on the property that is outside of wetlands and outside of any wetland buffers there is no where on the site that means those criteria.
11. It will be a schedule 80 pipe under the driveway, sleeving it would double the cost and I have never seen a problem with the 80
12. The issue with that is the slope will be too close to the property line and violate the county requirements.
13. We can move it by 1 ft if you want
14. No, it is not an expansion.

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

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

Block / Lot: 44/30 Real Estate Transfer: Yes No
Street Location: 101 Dreahook Road
Number Bedrooms: 2-unit dwelling with a total of 5 bedrooms
Map Title: Septic Design, Block 44 Lot 30, Readington Township, Hunterdon County, NJ
Number Sheets: 1-7
Map Date(s): 4/10/2024
Prepared By: Kurt Hoffman Engineering
Survey: Location/Topographic Survey prepared by David M Newton, NJPLS dated 4/9/2024
Reports: Hunterdon County Department of Health dated 4/22/2024

Proposed System: Alteration/no expansion for a real estate transfer. New two compartment 1300-gallon septic tank with a 6-inch effluent filter that will feed a 2000-gallon pump tank gravity dosing a mounded soil replacement disposal field of 1386 sq. ft. The system will incorporate a pump which will require a deed restriction to be filed at the Hunterdon County Clerk's office. The clerk's office and a copy be returned to the BOH secretary within 90 days after installation. The engineer has informed the property owner of the maintenance requirements of the pump. The Board of Health secretary will email the deed restriction

information to the engineer. Corrected BOH application and a signed HCHD application will be provided to the board.

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

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Absent	Chair Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Karen Mittleman	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	Absent		

F. APPROVALS - EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION:

1. Block 64/Lot 8.17 – Apgar Engineering – 123 Ivy Court

Escrow fees paid 3/18/2024, Ck#5155, \$750.00.
 Time heard 8:18 p.m.

Paul Fox, a NJ licensed engineer with Apgar Associates

At the last meeting there were two primary issues to correct. The first item was some of the soil logs and the second was the code requirements for depths. Both revisions have been addressed. The bottom of the disposal bed was also dug deeper as a result of the revised soil logs.

The board asked Mr. Fox:

1. The plans here are the same as the previous meeting.
2. We have a note from Van Cleef engineering saying the bottom of the disposal bed would be 262.17 and testimony should be provided on the zone of elevation
3. Soil log 16 and 17 were done for the reserve on the map
4. To get to that reserve bed, you are going into the right of way
5. Around 8.16 there is a 35 ft side yard setback
6. On none of these maps it looks like you have a shed that is on the wrong property as well as a fence
7. How far out is the disposal bed
8. Questions soil log 8 on page of 17 and page 23 soil log 8 says

Mr. Fox responded:

1. The disposal bed was increased to 263.5 since the May meeting. The revision note is above
2. The note should be deleted that says the zone of disposal bed reaches the fractured rock. The plans will be revised to delete that note.
3. Page two on the top. This was a challenging property.
4. We don't have to be in the right of way we would go into the conservation easement.
5. That is not applicable
6. That is the benefit of getting a boundary survey when you purchase a property
7. 480 ft.
8. It drained slower as we went deeper.

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

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

Block / Lot: 64/8.17 Real Estate Transfer: Yes No
Street Location: 123 Ivy Court
Number Bedrooms: 4-bedroom dwelling
Map Title: Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Design Plan, Lot 8.17 Black 64, 123 Ivy Court, Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey
Number Sheets: 1-4

Map Date(s): 03/18/2024 Revised 4/26/2024
Prepared By: Vincent J. Ruggiero, P.E, Apgar Associates
Survey: Property Survey prepared by Wayne F. Holman, PLS dated 11/30/2023 Revised 4/26/2024
Reports: Township Engineer Review Letter dated 4/16/2024; Apgar Associates Review Response letter dated 5/2/2024; HCHD Review letter is subsequent to Readington Township BOH approval; Van Cleef Letter dated 5/15/24

Proposed System: New construction 4-bedroom dwelling, new 1000-gal two compartment septic tank with a 6-inch effluent filter. It will be gravity fed to a fill enclosed disposal field of 1050 ft.

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. No variances are required for this application. The Board of Health secretary will email the deed restriction information to Mr. Jupinka so that he can provide the information to the applicant and new homeowners. Revised copies will be provided to the secretary for the corrections discussed.

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

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Absent	Chair Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Karen Mittleman	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	Absent		

G. OLD BUSINESS:

The budget request was discussed last month with Jonathan Heller. Jodi asked what needs to be put together in order to request funds for a mailer. Members discussed options and what information would be needed to compile a request as well as options for a mailer. Members also discussed what was presented to the TC at the budget meeting.

The Lake Cushetunk E. Coli report was discussed. A copy of Susan’s report will be provided to the members. Members discussed the status of the investigation.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

I. COMMUNICATION PLAN:

Members discussed ideas for mental health awareness and awareness of ticks as this month’s communication plan. The infographics will be sent to the website, Facebook, and the front lobby TV. Other information such as NJ ticks for science was discussed to possibly put on the website.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Ms. Mittleman to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m., seconded by Mr. Olsen, with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Monaghan, Board of Health Secretary