

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

November 20, 2024, 7:00 PM

Chair Colburn called the meeting to order at 7:01 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	Present	Chair Colburn	Present
John Kalinich	Present	Karen Mittleman	Present	David Olsen	Present
Helen Pollack	Absent	Wendy Sheay	Absent		

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. BOH Meeting Minutes of 10/16/2024.

A motion was made by Ms. Brown Biondo to postpone the approval of minutes and seconded by Mr. Olsen. All in favor.

D. APPROVALS - ALTERATION/NO EXPANSION:

1. Block 28/Lot 32 – Kurt Hoffmann Engineering – 12 Kline Blvd.

Time heard 7:04 p.m.

Kurt Hoffmann, a licensed engineer in the State of New Jersey introduced himself and discussed the application. This is an unusual circumstance where no septic system design is being presented. The applicant was heard at a Sewer Advisory Committee where he was instructed to go before the Board of Health first for a recommendation that sewer connection would be the best option available. The engineer presented the reports, documents, and soil logs. Kurt discussed the history of the property when sewer connection was being offered in the neighborhood. The homeowner at the time opted not to connect to sewer, but there is a sewer connection in the road in front of the home. The applicant meets the criteria of a failing septic due to the present cesspool; it is not the ideal situation for septic, and it is optimal for environmental factors. The members, the applicant, and the engineer discussed the situation.

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

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Karen Mittleman for the applicant to connect to sewer if possible as it is the optimal solution and for recommendation to apply for sewer allocation with the Sewer Advisory Committee as follows:

- Block / Lot:** 28/32 Real Estate Transfer: Yes No
- Street Location:** 12 Kline Blvd.
- Number Bedrooms:** 3
- Survey:** Location/Topographic Survey by David M. Newton, LS dated November 7, 2021
- Reports:** Soil logs dated 5/20/2024 and 5/21/2024; Letter from Kurt Hoffman of Kurt Hoffman Engineering undated, received 9/23/2024; Review Letter from Rob O’Brien of Van Cleef Engineers dated 10/21/2024
- Proposed System:** No system was designed at this time.

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

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

E. APPROVALS - EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION:

None.

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

F.1 Public Health Info: Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report, Week ending November 09, 2024 (MMWR Week 45)

F.2 Public Health Recall: Food Recalls

F.3 Public Health Advisory: Mycoplasma pneumoniae Infections Increasing in New Jersey

F.4 FW: Public Health Info: Infection Control Recommendations for the 2024-2025 Respiratory Disease Season

F.5 Public Health Info: COVID-19 Case Investigation Reminders

Members discussed the letters to Cory Booker's office and Jane Asselta's office. No response has been received yet and we will follow up. Karen mentioned it could possibly be used for the cesspool at Darts Mill and discussed the RHA webinar on septic systems and water banks.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

G1. Block 14 Lot 1 - 33 Island Road

Members reviewed the inspection report. Copies of current as-built plans will be obtained and distributed. It is still early in the process, and they will still need to apply with the county health department. We will communicate with the county when they start their review.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

H.1 2025 Annual Free Rabies Clinic 1/18/25

Members discussed the preliminary plans for this year's rabies clinic.

Members discussed the first issue of Readington's quarterly newsletter. The chair asked for any additional comments for the 2025 budget submission. Members discussed budget requests and revenue generated from the health office. Teri followed up on a previous application by Steve Parker for clarification on the 3- or 4-bedroom septic system. It was suggested to have a tax office confirmation on the BOH application checklist. Dave discussed something he learned from RHA about Montgomery Township's has septic system program through GovPilot.

I. COMMUNICATION PLAN:

Teri discussed the dog leash ordinance and curb your dog ordinance. Raritan township has signage that could be used as an example. Jodi sent information on vaccinations and lead exposure. Members discussed the December 15th deadline for submission to post an article in The Chronicle as well as what to post and the cost. Teri handed out FAST fact sheets with stroke information to use for February which is heart month. She also discussed nutrition in schools, obesity statistics, and suggested community garden activities.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jonathan Heller discussed putting SDL and information mailers in the budget, both of which are important for the municipality. Education for residents and monitoring and verification of septic systems should be accounted for. Jonathan has been in contact with Kristen Stewart who has possible fees, cycle, penalties, and ordinance samples and is willing to assist us in the process. Members discussed the challenges of enforcement, resident pushback, and data input. Members discussed deed restrictions and

reports from the county health department. Jonathan also discussed the food truck ordinance changes. Information will be sent to Jonathan Heller as well as a memo to the Township Committee.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Ms. Karen Mittleman to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Mr. Dave Olsen, with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Monaghan, Board of Health Secretary

