

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JULY 30 2010 – 8:30 A.M.
MARY P. CONNOLLY MEETING ROOM**

In attendance: Chairperson Jennifer Nichols, Members Gil Heino and Dr. Scott Aronson and Agent Kristin Kennedy. Office Asst. Teresa Wooding was unable to attend.

Meeting opened: 8:37 a.m.

Winterberry Hills

Agent Kennedy began by giving the Board background information on the proposed subdivision located off Union Street.

Agent Mark Taylor joined the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

The Agents explained that the applicant, Bill Griffith of Creative Homes, had arranged for the Engineers for this project, Norfolk Ram, to meet with the Board and/or the Agents to collect any questions they may like addressed Monday. The Board expressed that they all had commitments. It was decided that the Agents would convey the Board's questions and concerns.

The discussion continued with a history of the project and an explanation of the proposed series of shared systems. The applicant proposes using 3 shared systems in lieu of individual systems for each lot.

The agents explained that the Town of Easton has one other subdivision utilizing shared systems. The site is Fox Hill, a 55 plus community consisting of free standing units, off Bay Road. In the case of Fox Hill, each home has its own septic tank. This fact along with a very proactive Board of Trustees, has allowed the community to police the effluent prior to in entering the shared system.

The systems proposed at Winterberry Hills utilize large community tanks. The Agents expressed concerns that there may not be the opportunity to spot potential problems with what people are putting down their drains before it entered the large tanks. Agent Taylor told of situations where condo owners

would flush kitty litter down the drains. The kitty litter, once in the large tank affected the whole system adversely.

The Agents were to ask Norfolk Ram if individual tanks were a possibility and if not why.

The design flow of the whole project is just below 10,000 gpd. Once a project goes over 10,000 gpd, it needs a DEP permit. The possibility of requesting a water meter on the subdivision was discussed to monitor the site.

The Board asked that the Engineers submit a plan showing the actual lot lines as they have not been shown on the plan under review.

Dr. Aronson relayed that he lives in a neighborhood with an association and collecting fees is always a problem. He stated that he believed there may be a way for the association to place a lien on the property. This would allow the mortgage companies to collect the association fee in a manner similar to the way they collect monies for taxes and insurance. The applicant will be asked to look into this process, as fees will be required to be collected for the maintenance of the septic system.

The Board briefly discussed contacting groups such as the seniors at Quesset on the Pond, the Recreation Department, and community sport groups with education materials and information as the EEE situation changes.

Mr. Heino motioned to adjourn. Dr. Aronson seconded. Unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristin Kennedy
Health Agent*