

**BRAINTREE BOARD OF HEALTH**

**MINUTES**

**September 17, 2009**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Philip Nedelman, Chairman  
Paula Dowd, Vice Chairman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Marybeth McGrath, Director of ML & I

Dr. Nedelman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**MINUTES:**

**Motion By:** Paula Dowd approve the minutes of August 13, 2009.  
**Second By:** Dr. Nedelman

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Request for Variance of Well Regulations (Roadway Setback)**
  - a. William Devine, Trustee- 87 Blossom Road**

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that this particular well application has two different requests. One location request would not require a variance because it would meet the setback requirements. The other location would require a variance to the roadway. The client has requested two proposed locations because the well driller is not certain what they will encounter on the first location when they drill down. They think they might run into ledge or rock, so that is why the second location is also being requested.

The first location requires a variance of the roadway setback because they are only able to get 51'. The second location meets all of the setback requirements. The requested variance is proposed location # 1 with a roadway setback of 51', instead of the required 100'. Ms. Carey, department inspector has conducted a site visit and has no concern with either location.

Dr. Nedelman asked about the unfamiliar well driller listed on the application.

Ms. McGrath advised that she as well is unfamiliar with them, but they are licensed by the state. Further, this may be why the applicant is requesting two proposed locations

because the well driller is unfamiliar with the area, the soil conditions and ground conditions.

Ms. McGrath recommended approval of proposed location # 1 with a 51' roadway setback.

**Motion By:** Paula Dowd to approve the variance request.  
**Second By:** Dr. Nedelman

**2. Application Review for Request for Variance of the State Plumbing Code**  
**a. Thayer Academy-43 Georganna Street**

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that Thayer Academy owns the property located at 43 Georganna Street. This house is across the street from Thayer Academy and adjacent to the tennis court. The tennis court abuts Union Street directly before you go under the overpass. The proposed renovation of the ranch house will be a conversion of the single family house into a classroom. They would like to make it into a life science class. The square footage of the house is 720 square feet. The plumbing code requires the installation of one male and one female restroom for the students, and one male and one female restroom for the employees, for a total of four restrooms, two female and two male. Due to the limited square footage of the building, they are requesting a variance of the state plumbing code to install two unisex handicapped restrooms, so that the teachers and students can use them. In order for them to apply to the state Plumbing Board for the variance, the state Plumbing Board requests a recommendation by the Board of Health before they make their determination. They request that the Board either endorse the variance request or not.

Ms. McGrath advised that she has spoken with Andy Lyne, the local Plumbing Inspector and he has no problem with them requesting the variance. They will have to put in unisex handicapped restrooms, and based on the square footage of the building he agrees that four restrooms would take up almost half of the square footage.

Mrs. Dowd asked how many students do they anticipate will be there at one time.

Ms. McGrath advised that she would suggest that it would be an average sized class.

Mrs. Dowd asked if they will also have sinks.

Ms. McGrath advised they will have lavatory sinks for the restrooms. She is not aware of any additional sinks for the classroom, but that could be a possibility.

Ms. McGrath recommended approval.

**Motion By:** Mrs. Dowd to approve endorsement of the variance request.  
**Second By:** Dr. Nedelman

**INFORMATIONAL:**

**3. Influenza Update**

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that she thought the For Your Health cable show held earlier today went well and was very informative.

Ms. McGrath also advised that later today, the MA Department of Public Health announced a delay in the seasonal flu vaccine with no certain date of when we will receive the vaccine. The state advised that they should receive the vaccine at the end of October and our clinics could be held in November.

Ms. McGrath advised that the department will not be holding simultaneous seasonal and H1N1 influenza clinics. They will be separate clinics.

**MATTERS BY THE BOARD:**

**Motion By:** Paula Dowd to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.  
**Second By:** Dr. Nedelman