

**INLAND/WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN
MAY 14, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Members present were Thomas Sweet, John Moran, Lester Davis, Dave Miner, Eric Williams and Carl Grenier. Also present was Peter Zvingilas, Zoning Officer & Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

The minutes from the November, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

First on the agenda was John Faulise. John presented the Board with an application for a septic system repair for 69 Bennett Circle which is owned by James Lavoie. He also presented the State reporting form for the DEP, the application fee and a letter dated May 14th from Albert Gosselin, Department of Health, which he read to the Board. Letter is appended to these minutes. The property in question is a 100 x 50 lot on the easterly side of Bennett Circle adjacent to Beach Pond. Said lot contains an existing 2 bedroom house of which the septic system is in a state of failure. As seen on the plan there is limited space on this lot and the existing septic system is located on the north side of the house. There will be no structural changes to the house. There is a space located on the east side of the house between the existing house that is suitable for sewage disposal and it is the only place for the system to go. The shared well is not on this property, it is located on the west side of Bennett Circle in the area that John indicated on the plan. John stated that the protective radius of 75 feet from the well extends into the street line but does not come on to the subject parcel at all. It is proposed to install 35 feet of septic system similar to a leaching gallery in the fact that it does provide more storage area for the flow of water. It will not be concrete but more of an elaborate system with a rip design which allows more surface area for the flow to be treated before leaching out into the soil. John showed the Board on the plans where the system will go. In order to install the system in that area there will be a small amount of fill that needs to be brought in. There is also a proposal to install a modular block retaining wall which is approximately 14 feet down grading from the septic system. It will run along the width of the lot which he showed on the plan. It will then go up to the southerly side of the lot and tie into an existing retaining wall that extends to the adjacent abutting property. No work will take place below that retaining wall and the existing retaining wall. The bottom of the septic system will be 8 1/2 feet above the elevation of the pond. Per the letter from Al Gosselin, there are 5 waivers that he is granting for the installation of this system, and they are listed on the plan which John read to the Board. The waivers are for separating distances. John explained that at the moment there is some open soil on the north side of the house where there were some retaining walls that needed to come down in order to get the test holes in and are required for the installation of the system. John submitted photographs of the area and went through them with the Board. The Board looked over the plans and some discussion took place. John made a motion to accept to plan of James Lavoie, 69 Bennett

Circle, for the installation of a new septic system and retaining wall, Lester seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business. Peter Zvingilas wanted to update the Board on a complaint he had received about activity behind someone's house on Ekonk Hill Road. The homeowner complained that someone was out in the woods behind her house and was digging around in a wetland area. Peter investigated and found that there was nothing illegal being done. The property owner went out in the woods with a bulldozer and got stuck, and was just trying to get out.

Eric made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Carl seconded the motion, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted:

Thomas Sweet, Chairman