

Town of Lake George Consolidated Board of Health Minutes, April 19, 2016. Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Dickinson.

Present: Chairman Dennis Dickinson
Fred Austin
Dan Barusch
Adele Behrmann
Dennis MacElroy
Andy Cook
Heath Mundell

and others.

TIMOTHY COOK
6 WELLS Road
Tax Map No. 225.20-1-49

Andy Cook, brother of Timothy Cook, was present representing his brother.

Chairman Dickinson as well as Fred Austin comment that the Eric Murdock, the engineer, should have had the drainage lines follow the contour of the property on the map. Chairman Dickinson states that the engineer didn't pay any attention to the contour lines which is a basic engineering consideration. The lines on the plan are almost level and almost flat and should be running around the contour.

Andy Cook adds that he is not suggesting that the plans be changed on the fly but he feels that the concern of the property drainage would be addressed by the proper pitching of the trenches because what's on the surface doesn't necessarily reflect what's buried in the ground; if they're pitched properly they'll drain properly.

Chairman Dickinson advises him that he may be getting in over his head. He has a 6 ft. test pit and the separation distances from the bottom of the trench to ground water and bedrock are a minimum of 2 ft. but he has only 6 ft. trenches potentially the slime could be buried 6 ft. deeper in the other end in a soil no one knows anything about. The Board directed Eric to show and indicate the adjoining property owners on the map specifically the northern and southern neighbors but that has not been done either. The Board reminds him that all these requirements were given to the engineer at the last meeting.

Andy Cook comments that they are frustrated with Eric Murdock just as much as the Board since they've been working on this project for over 1 year.

Fred Austin adds that the location of the septic on the map is not correct either due to the fact that the map is not to scale therefore he'd like to see a map with the correct, exact location.

Chairman Dickinson adds that these are basic requests. The need for the contour is so that when the system is put in it follows the contour which was totally ignored by the engineer; the plan they are currently looking at is the same he brought in the last time.

Andy Cook states that they're in Still Bay and unlike many other sites on the lake there is a lot of sand on this site and in terms of perc it is down a ways; they are not sitting on a slab of rock.

Fred Austin is frustrated with the fact that the Board is not being told whether bedrock was found and where it is considering that the system is less than 100 ft. from the lake. He feels that the submitted plans are adequate for New York State standards but we're dealing with Lake George and their mission is to protect the lake. Andy Cook understands the Board's concern but their reason for trying to replace an old system is to preserve the lake water.

Chairman Dickinson asks Dan Barusch to send Tim Cook a letter with the following requirements:

- The lines need to follow the contours and indicated on the map.
- The map has to show the deeded neighboring property owners.
- The system has to be certified by the engineer as well as having it located accurately in an as built.
- The location of the water well has to be indicated on the map.
- The surveyor's name should be on the plans.
- The paragraph on the map indicating that they're hooked up to the neighbor's well needs to be removed.

Fred Austin adds that the Board discussed a shut off switch that would immediately shut off the water in the house should the septic system fail with Eric Murdock especially since he believes this is a single sewage pump which is rare for a system 50 ft. from the lake. Andy Cook agrees although the system is only used two months out of the year and at this point they are no longer from a the neighbor's well but rather from the lake through a pump house. Fred Austin states that this is something that should be absolutely shown on the plans.

Andy Cook asks if they would need a permit to put a well on the property to which Chairman Dickinson replies that the well needs to be within the 100 ft. setbacks. Tim Cook discussed all of this with Eric Murdock but again he didn't update the drawings to that affect. He also asks the Board if he needs to wait for the next scheduled meeting or could one be scheduled when all the plans are ready and finalized. The Board agrees to meet earlier and that he should make the arrangements with Dan Barusch.

OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Dennis MacElroy approaches the Board for their opinion on a project he is working on which involves the Clarus Fusion System.

Heath Mundell discusses his plans for a septic system for his project.

Both of the above projects were not on the agenda.

A motion is introduced by Chairman Dickinson; seconded by Fred Austin to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adele Behrmann
Clerk of the Board