

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM  
October 11, 2016**

Mr. Nachtigal called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:30 P.M.

**Adequate notice** of this meeting of the Board of Health was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to both the *Chatham Courier* and the *Morris County Daily Record* on February 10, 2016; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on February 10, 2016; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on February 10, 2016.

Answering present to the roll call were Mrs. Gardner, Dr. Downey, Mrs. Swartz, Mrs. Plantemoli and Mr. Nachtigal. Mr. Samara was also present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**Septic System Applications**

**11 Loantaka Lane South – Block 139, Lot 16**

Steven Parker, PE was present to represent the applicant. Mr. Parker indicated that the current house is to be demolished, with a new home to be built. He also noted that the property has challenges presented by wetlands. The proposed new system includes an advance treatment unit, and Mr. Parker described the Coco Filter proposed for use. Mr. Parker indicated that use of the proposed filter is approved by the DEP. Approval of the application by the Board of Health will allow the applicant to apply to the DEP for a GP25 permit. Mr. Parker said that the pool on the property will be moved to a different location.

Mr. Nachtigal raised a concern about the disposal field being located within the wetlands delineated area. Mr. Parker commented on the poor soil conditions, and said that the location was chosen because it is one of the higher areas on the property. Mr. Samara said that the property has a high water table.

Mr. Nachtigal asked if it is possible to disturb less of the wetlands. Mr. Parker said that the State limits how much wetlands can be disturbed.

Mrs. Swartz asked if Mr. Parker has seen the proposed strategies in action before. Mr. Parker said that he has seen several. He also said that the system has an alarm in case of malfunction. The system will also be inspected annually, with reports submitted to the Health Department.

Mrs. Swartz asked if the DEP can reject this application. Mr. Parker said that the DEP will only concern itself with the disposal field's location in the wetlands, and not with any of the technical details. If the DEP does not approve the location, then the applicant would likely appear before the Board of Health again. Dr. Downey noted that there does not appear to be any other good place to locate the disposal field.

Dr. Downey moved to approve the application. Mrs. Swartz seconded the motion.

**Roll call:** Mr. Swartz, Aye; Mrs. Gardner, Aye; Dr. Downey, Aye; Mrs. Plantemoli, Aye; Mr. Nachtigal, Nay.

**448 River Road – Block 62 Lot 75**

The applicant was represented by Mark Patalive, PG. Mr. Patalive described the septic design. He noted that the location for the proposed disposal field is an area that flattens out. As the property has multiple dwellings, there will be two new septic tanks installed, and an existing tank

will also be utilized. The septic tanks will feed into an advance treatment tank, which will be followed by a pump tank before the effluent gets to the disposal field.

Mr. Nachtigal read into the record a memorandum from Mott MacDonald stating that the Township Engineer takes no exception to the proposed septic design.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the application. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion.

**Roll call:** Mr. Swartz, Aye; Mrs. Gardner, Aye; Dr. Downey, Aye; Mrs. Plantemoli, Aye; Mr. Nachtigal, Aye.

**Reports**

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported that several retail food establishments had satisfactory inspections during September. Chatham High School had an inspection which met with conditional approval, and all issues were corrected prior to re-inspection. Mr. Samara further reported that several inspections related to septic applications were conducted.

Health Officer

Dr. Donald Bowen of the Madison Board of Health was also present to address the Board. Dr. Bowen indicated that Mrs. Gulla is resigning from the Madison Health Department, and they Madison Board of Health is seeking a new Health Officer. Dr. Bowen also commented on the Tri-Town 55+ Committee, which is working to incorporate as a 501(c)3.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in September 2016:

3 Marriage Licenses	\$84
7 Marriage Certificates	<u>\$45</u>
Total	\$129

Mr. LaConte further reported that for the Third Quarter of 2016, \$530 was transferred to the General Fund, of which \$250 was paid to the State of NJ for the State's share of marriage license fees.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to accept the reports. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**Meeting Open to Public**

Mr. Nachtigal opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte  
Board of Health Secretary