

The Town Board of the Town of Ballston met as the Board of Health at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday evening, February 26, 2013 at the Town Hall on Charlton Road.

Present:

Patricia Southworth	-----	Supervisor
Timothy Szczepaniak	-----	Councilman
William Goslin	-----	Councilman
Kelly Stewart	-----	Councilwoman
Carol Shemo	-----	Clerk
Murry Brower	-----	Counsel
Absent:		
Mary Beth Hynes	-----	Councilwoman

The purpose of the meeting was to receive an update on the possible illicit discharge at the property at 14 Wendy Lane and to determine a course of action.

Supervisor Southworth called the meeting to order and reviewed the discussion from the last meeting on this issue.

The Building Inspector, Thomas Johnson, gave an update on the results of the dye testing. Two houses in the vicinity of the illicit discharge, 12 Wendy Lane and 14 Wendy Lane, as well as the catch basin behind 14 Wendy Lane, were tested; the tests were negative.

Discussion was held on the next possible steps to take to address this problem. Mr. Niles of Cooperative Extension could perform a test to determine whether the waste is animal or human at a cost of \$345. Another step would be to stopper the end of the pipe, but there is the problem of the backup going into someone home and causing damage. The Town Board considered sending letters to the homeowners in the area asking for their permission to conduct voluntary or mandatory testing.

Mr. Johnson stated that they have not had good results with this testing in the past. You need to leave 3 – 4 days between house testing and with 25 houses that will take a long time.

Another step to alleviate the problem would be to dig up the pipe.

BOARD OF HEALTH RESOLUTION 13-001

SECURE PERMISSION FROM PROPERTY OWNERS TO DIG UP PIPE AT 14 WENDY LANE AND SEND PERMISSION LETTERS TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE AREA OF THE ILLICIT DISCHARGE FOR DYE TESTING.

A motion was made by Councilman Goslin and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to secure permission from the property owners to dig up the pipe at 14 Wendy Lane and send permission letters to the property owners in the area of the illicit discharge for dye testing.

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Supervisor Southworth, Councilman Szczepaniak,
Councilman Goslin, Councilwoman Stewart
Nays 0

Councilman Goslin asked Town Attorney Brower to formalize the process of the course of action the Town Board should take to deal with serious problems of illicit discharge.

Supervisor Southworth added that the procedure to deal with this problem will move to the County level in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Shemo
Town Clerk