

NORTH ATTLEBORO BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of a Special Meeting

March 15, 2007 6:30 pm

In attendance: Don Bates, Chairman; Diane Battistello, Member; Susan Shaw, Member and Robert Davis, Agent

Visitors: Nick Facenvola, Level Design Group

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

APPEARANCES:

344 John Dietsch Boulevard

The Chair explained that the special meeting had been called to consider the variance previously requested by the Level Design Group but deferred to a later meeting of the Board at the previous Monday's meeting. Mr. Facenvola of Level Design Group came before the Board and described the variance requested as one intended to address roof drain downspouts and certain plumbing issues with them at 344 John Dietsch Boulevard. He explained that a variance was necessary because the building's roof drains had been constructed one foot inside the state plumbing code's jurisdiction, creating a conflict between the local and state codes.

Ms. Battistello reported speaking with someone from the State Plumbing Board that day who told her his board probably would not recommend granting such a variance due to sanitary reasons. He advised that the Plumbing Board would want the downspouts in question to be constructed of cast iron or copper pipe instead of the high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe requested by Level Design. Further, he advised Ms. Battistello that even if the Board of Health denied the variance, the Level Design Group could apply for the variance through the State Plumbing Board in any case.

Mr. Bates reported that Level Design's Dan Campbell had called the Plumbing Board himself the day before to see if they would accept this Board's variance of the HDPE pipe tonight and allow Level Design to be placed on the Plumbing Board's April agenda to present their case then, but Mr. Facenvola advised that his firm had not yet heard back from the Plumbing Board.

The Chairman's motion to grant Level Design the variance requested failed for lack of a second, and discussion continued. Ms. Battistello suggested Mr. Facenvola present letters of support from other towns where similar design conditions had been approved, as well as from the State Plumbing Board itself regarding the use of HDPE pipe in general before this Board addressed the matter again.

ADJOURN:

MOTION made by Ms. Battistello to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Seconded: Ms. Shaw. No further discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

True Record Attest: _____