

HALP Executive Committee Meeting of 12/01/2022

Septic Hearing for Unit #77

EC: Presiding Officer: Laura Wallis, Clerk: Aaron Bissell; Louis Hasbrouck (needed to leave early), Lauren Vitiello, Ruth Anne Lundeberg

Incoming EC: effective Jan 1 2023: Jill Taglia, Lauren Anderson, Kathy Murri, Andrew Lehman, Peter Russell

ABSENT: Sandra Hanig

HOMEOWNERS: Paul Powell, David Lindbo, Ethan Abeles, Deborah Kozlowski

GUESTS: Thomas Leue (Designer of Septic System), Iliia Cornier-Rivera resident

Pursuant to the Laurel Park Septic System Guidelines and the HALP bylaws, the EC convened this hearing to determine whether the plans for a new septic system for Unit #77 should be approved.

Section 11.6.4 All sewage disposal systems must be approved by the Board of Health of the City of Northampton. The Trustees are hereby authorized to grant all necessary easements or licenses to allow for the installation of a Board of Health approved septic system. (Amended @ 1998 Annual Meeting)

Discussion:

- Laura Wallis screen shared the new system's plans. Question about whether plans shared were up to date.
- Location of the new tank is the same as the old. Leach field system located in a new spot.
- Old system has failed. Old system's life was expected to be about 25 years, now well past its current age.
- New system shouldn't interfere with any of the other systems in the area. Designer doesn't believe there are any trees that would need to be removed but is not entirely sure, no mature trees to be felled.
- Concern about the groundwater level and water running down the hill - a curtain drain could help. Concern that there may not be enough space for curtain drain.
- Concern that the bottom of the leach field is not flat.
- Concern about the proximity of the system to the playground where kids could be attracted to it and endangered by it. Interior of the system will not be accessible without tools.

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- Concern about smells from the vent stack. Can add a carbon filter if necessary.
- Because of slope, the mound created by the leach field may be large but not steep.
- System should take about a week to complete. Flag/wooden stakes will be placed 12/02/2022.

MOTION: Enter Executive Session, PASSED.

MOTION: Approve the plans for the septic system at Unit #77 pending placement of flags for the edge of the mound and grade stakes for the height, and confirmation about any large trees that will need to be felled. PASSED

MOTION: Adjourn Meeting, PASSED.

Meeting adjourned. 7:30 pm

Next EC Meeting December 12, 2022