

HALP Executive Committee Meeting of 08/02/2023

Septic Hearing for Unit #29

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ABSENT: Kathy Murri

HOMEOWNERS: Mike Florio, Victoria Lucadello, Kandy Littrell, Beth Brown, David Lindbo, Deb Kozlowski, Lauren Vitiello, Wendy Kane

GUESTS: Janet Vance (Former Owner of Unit #29)

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 #29 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:

1. Janet has provided a diagram and a proposal for the new system.
 - a. [See Linked Diagram.](#)
 - b. [See Linked Proposal.](#)
2. No space for an entirely new system. That area has been full since the 80's.
3. Replacement system will be installed in the same location as the current system after removal of the current system's leach field.
4. Northampton Board of Health has already approved after several iterations of the plans.
5. Question of how materials would be delivered to location because of tight space. Open space between #48 and #49 is occupied by septic systems. The trucks or tracked vehicles would have to come through parking lot next to #48.

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- Contractors have installed other septic systems in that area and are well aware of the space/septic/utilities concerns.
6. It's estimated that the project will take 2-3 days.
 - a. Janet hopes to have installation completed before fall.
 7. There will likely be some smell as the old system is removed.
 8. Request that important locations like water shutoffs, other septic systems, etc. be marked before work begins.
 9. Question of stairs for #48. Contractor says they shouldn't be a problem.
 10. It would be good to know how contractor will access the area, what equipment will be used, and exactly when the installation will take place.
 11. **Motion: Approve system with condition that information on what equipment will be used is provided and that one week's notice will be given before work begins.** Vote is 5-1 in favor. **PASSED.**
 - a. Nay vote disapproves of approval with conditions.
 12. After discussion, the EC decided to set aside the previous motion and propose a new one.
 13. **Motion: Approve septic system without conditions.** Vote is 5-1 in favor. **PASSED.**
 - a. Nay vote feels approving with conditions would have been fine.
 - b. Janet still plans to voluntarily provide the requested information.

Meeting adjourned. 6:48 pm.

Next EC Meeting August 16, 2023.