

Memo

To: Liz Sorrell, Superintendent & School Committee
From: Matthew J. Gillis, Chief Operations and Financial Officer
Date: February 9, 2009
Re: Drinking Water Flier and Tactic to Halt Proposed Dog Grooming Kennel

Summary

An abutter to a proposed dog grooming kennel on Main Street across from the Governor John Carver School would prefer the kennel not get approval from the Town to open as a business. Based a review of recent correspondence from DEP and the Town Board of Health (BOH), the request to license this dog grooming kennel meets all codes and there is no regulation to stop this venture from proceeding. If DEP and the Town BOH do not have an issue with the dog grooming kennel, then I can not foresee a tangible reason CPS should oppose it either.

The Facts

In accord with DEP regulations, monthly testing is performed to ensure the water is safe for public use. All tests this year have passed and the water is safe for public use (and consumption).

The DEP has established safe radius of 170 feet from the school's well. The proposed nitrogen removal septic system for the dog grooming kennel is 260 feet from the school's well.

When school is in session, the school's well produces between 3-4,000 gallons per day and the regulation cited in the flier raising concern regarding this issue is for public water supplies (wells) that produce more than 100,000 gallons per day.

Mama Mia's and Dunkin' Donuts both have septic systems within 400 feet of the school's well and both were approved by the DEP and the Town BOH.

Going Forward

The School Department will continue to monitor the safety of the water coming from our wells with independent testing and in accord with DEP requirements.

c. D. Siedentopf, Director of Facilities

c. R. Tinkham, Board of Health