



**Jefferson County Board of Health  
Special Meeting Minutes: July 8, 2019 10:30am  
WVU Extension Office Training Room**

Board Members Present: John Bresland (Chair), Carmela Cesare (Vice-Chair), Ann Smith, Damien Hinck, Anh Nguyen

Board Members Absent: Caleb Hudson (County Commissioner)

Also Present: Rick Hertges (Registered Sanitarian) Marty Freeman (Health Administrator), Dr. Terrence Reidy (Health Officer)

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:32AM by Chairman Bresland. The agenda for today's meeting was presented and accepted.

**Public Comment:**

No public comments were made.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Hearing: Permit Denial – Campanaris – Lots 68 and 69, Section 13-H, Shannondale Subdivision:

The Board members discussed their visit to the lots earlier this morning.

The Board heard testimony from Perry and Patricia Campanaris, property owners, who detailed the history of purchasing the lots and previously applying for a septic system in 2005 and 2008. Mr. and Mrs. Campanaris believe they were approved for a 2-bedroom home in 2008 by evidence of a "need fee" letter, though the health department does not have record showing an approval. They have spoken to neighbors in Shannondale who said they had no problems with their septic systems.

The Board heard testimony from Rick Hertges, registered sanitarian, soil scientist, and program manager of West Virginia's Onsite Sewage Program, that the permit was denied due to the amount of surface rock as well as the 26% slope. Mr. Hertges said there was a high probability of failure if a septic system were installed as per the application.

Ms. Smith moved to go into executive session to review the evidence. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Executive session began at 12:16 and ended at 12:37 PM.

Ms. Cesare moved that the Board, having considered all relevant information, including visiting the site and taking evidence from Mr. and Mrs. Campanaris and Mr. Rick Hertges, and, having weighed the suitability of the proposed site for a septic system for lots 68 and 69 located in the Shannondale

subdivision as requested in the application filed and dated October 4, 2018, uphold the denial of said request for a septic permit on the grounds that the physical realities of the proposed site prohibit granting the permit. The excessive boulders, the slope that is beyond the permitted 26% slope, and other physical realities of the site indicate that this proposed site does not meet the requirements of WV 64CSR47 Section 6.2.i. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Board expressed hope that another location on the lot may be suitable for a septic system, and suggested the owner might consider pursuing an easement or purchasing adjoining land.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Terrence Reidy, Health Officer