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On August 15, 2014, Board of Health chairperson Katie Carroll and I conducted a site visit at the Beetlebung Fire Station offices. While some features of the premises may not be strictly compliant with today's building code (for example, stairs appear to be a bit steeper than regulations call for, ceiling in the kitchen lower than today's code calls for), we found no apparent human health hazards.

There is a water quality problem, the water smells funky. The firefighters do not use the water for drinking; they have bottled water and paper cups.

I will send a sample to the lab on Monday to test for bacterial contamination and other parameters relevant to possible health concerns. Further to that, it is reasonable to assume that the pH is low, and, given the age of some of the building components, there may well be lead pipes in there, so I would continue to recommend that the water be considered **non-potable**. I will attempt to establish that the water is safe for hand washing.

Speaking of hand-washing, the bathroom sink is corroded to the point of being non-viable. The septic system, too, is not functioning very well. The Town could consider renting a porta-pottie and having the kitchen sink, (designated as non-potable), function as a hand-wash sink. There could be other options as well. Please do not hesitate to contact the BOH office or come to a Board meeting if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Marina

Please note, my email address has been recently changed. Please update your address book to reflect my new email address: boh@chilmarkma.gov

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