

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2022 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: REMOTE

PRESENT:

Chairperson Renee D'Argento, Member Stephen Themelis, Member Margie LaFleur, Health Agent Kalene Gendron, BOH Assistant Laurie Lessard

Chairperson D'Argento opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. She announced that the meeting was remote participation only; meeting is being cablecast live and recorded by Pepperell Community Media.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Chairperson D'Argento presented the meeting minutes of May 3, 2022.

A Motion was made by Themelis to accept the meeting minutes of May 3, 2022 with edits, Seconded by LaFleur, Motion Moved.

ACTION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION

1 Reed Street – Proposed Accessory Apartment

Evan Worth and Richard Egan were present for this discussion. There will be a total of 9 rooms. Gendron said the system is designed for a 3 bedroom house but the tank is 1500 gallons, therefore it could accommodate a 4 bedroom. The leaching field is not designed for 4 bedrooms.

After discussion, the Board would like a certification from an engineer that the system could handle a 4 bedroom. They will come back before the Board.

Kevin Hartlage - Climate Change and Health Discussion

Hartlage gave a presentation on Climate Change for the Board stating that it has an impact on many things. He also did an overview on how the change can have an impact on the increase of summer temperatures and the decrease in winter temperatures. The Board of Health role in this will be BRACE (Building Resilience Against Climate Effects). Hartlage spoke of education in schools and Gendron said that she could not speak to that. Gendron will touch base with Jenna at the schools. Gendron will take health impact list and identify the gaps. The Board thanked Hartlage for the presentation.

HEALTH AGENT COMMENTS

a. 28 Bancroft Street – Accessory Apartment

Gendron said that this is the same request as Reed Street. They did not exceed room count and that a wall was coming down. Gendron was okay with this, just making Board aware of this.

b. Pepperell Food Truck Policy

Gendron wanted the Board to know that the mobile food trucks are on the rise. Being used at temporary food events.

c. Covid Updates

Gendron said that there are 35 cases. NABH publishes newsletter quarterly that contains quite a bit of information. Cases are on the rise.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Animal Inspector – Updates

Forbes the Animal Inspector was not in attendance but has been in correspondence with Gendron and Forbes is working on the regulations.

MATTERS THAT MAY BE RAISED THAT THE CHAIRPERSON DID NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATE

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Themelis to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by LaFleur, Motion Moved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:24 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2022.