

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Margie LaFleur, Chairperson; Phil Durno, Member

Staff

Kalene Gendron, Health Agent; Brynn Montesanti, Administrative Assistant

Attendees

See attached attendance sheet

Mrs. LaFleur opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and announced the meeting is being televised by Pepperell Community Media.

7/16/2019 - Minutes

1. Working Session

2. Acceptance of Minutes

a. **4/2/19**

Mr. Durno motions to approve minutes as written. Mrs. LaFleur seconds. All in favor.

b. **6/4/19**

Mr. Durno motions to approve minutes as written. Mrs. LaFleur seconds. All in favor.

c. **6/18/19**

Mr. Durno motions to approve minutes as written. Mrs. LaFleur seconds. All in favor.

3. Appointments/New Business/Action Items/Permits

a. **21 Wheeler Street**

- Approval is sought under 310 CMR 15.405 (1)(i) to allow the use of sieve analysis where a perc test could not be performed due to groundwater interference
- Approval is sought under 310 CMR 15.405 (1)(j) to allow a reduction in the required 12 inch separation between the inlet and outlet of the pump chamber and the groundwater table
- Upgrade Septic System

Mrs. LaFleur reads the approvals required letter from the engineer. Mr. Kevin Ritchie of Civil Solutions, was also present for the meeting. Mr. Ritchie gave some details of this particular property for the Board explaining that the property is serviced by a well. In addition to the house they also have a garage, shed, horse barn, pool and fence. The area where the existing system is is the best place for the new system. Mr. Ritchie is recommending to utilize the Geomatrix GeoMat leaching system which has been approved for advanced treatment through MA DEP. The benefit is to reduce offset groundwater in areas where only 2' of soil is available, the difference in this system from the Presby is the profile.

Ms. Gendron explains to the Board their options at this time. Ms. LaFleur says that full compliance is their goal and local approvals may be required to achieve that as presented in this plan, she asks Ms. Gendron if perhaps pre-treatment would be beneficial or a variance request where abutters are notified. Ms. Gendron explains that she doesn't like pre-treatment due to the cost and maintenance. Ms. LaFleur asks about other abutting wells and Ms. Gendron explains that they meet all of the well arc requirements both on their own property as well as abutting wells. Further Ms. Gendron suggested that the Board could require an annual well testing to alleviate concerns and ensure system functionality. Ms. LaFleur and Mr. Durno both agreed that that was a good idea.

Mr. Durno motions to approve request numbers 1-4 on Civil solutions letter dated 7/16/19. Ms. LaFleur seconds. All in favor.

Mr. Durno motions to require well water to be tested on an annual basis, recorded on deed. Ms. LaFleur seconds. All in favor.

b. 6 Brick Pond Way

- Approval is sought under 310 CMR 15.405 (1)(h) A reduction in system offset from estimated high groundwater from 4 feet to 3 feet
Ms. Gendron recommends to approve. Mr. Durno motions to approve, Ms. LaFleur seconds. All in favor.
- Upgrade Septic System
Mr. Durno motions to approve. Ms. LaFleur seconds. All in favor.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Appointments

7. Walk-Ins

8. Correspondence

9. Health Agent Comments

Ms. Gendron explains to the Board that she received a phone call from a resident concerned about the property listed for sale at 1 Brookline Street and that the resident is questioning how that property hasn't been condemned. Ms. Montesanti provided the Board with the property listing and pictures. Ms. Gendron suggests to the Board to have her do a visit to property with assessor. The Board agrees. She will update the Board at a future meeting.

10. Matters That May Be Raised That the Chair Didn't Reasonably Anticipate

95 Elm Street – Septic System Upgrade

Ms. Gendron recommends to the Board to approve. Mr. Durno motions to approve, Ms. LaFleur seconds. All in favor.

11. Open Discussion

12. Future Meeting

a. **8/6/19**

Mr. Durno motions to adjourn meeting. Ms. LaFleur seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:46PM.

Respectfully submitted by Brynn Montesanti, Administrative Assistant to Board of Health.