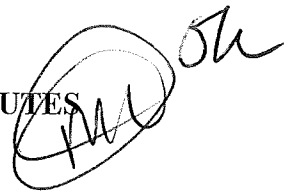


BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2020, 10:00A.M.
LOCATION: REMOTE



PRESENT: Chairperson Margie LaFleur, Member Phil Durno, Health Agent Kalene Gendron, Caroline Ahdab of 19 Deerfield Drive; Renee D'Argento of 18 Prospect Street; Mark Mathews of 76 Wheeler Street; Bridget Morris of 3 Parker Hill Way; Joyce Morrow of 23 Main Street; Sherrill Rosoff of 4 Lawrence Street; Margaret Scarsdale of 90 Nashua Rd., Stephen Themelis of 4 Franklin Street.

Chairperson Margie LaFleur opened the meeting at 5:00p.m. She announced that the meeting was remote participation only; meeting is being cablecast live and recorded by Pepperell Community Media.

APPROVE BILL WARRANT:

Phil Durno made a motion to approve the bill warrant dated August 13, 2020 for the amount of \$41.45; reflecting the Owl Stamp Visual Solutions Invoice dated July 31, 2020 for the purchase of a BOH dated Stamp. Margie LaFleur seconded. All in Favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: There were no minutes presented at this time.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

16 SHATTUCK STREET – SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM UPGRADE DESIGN

Groundwater Reduction Request – 16 Shattuck:

The Board reviewed a request to allow the relief of groundwater to be reduced from the required four foot offset from groundwater in soils having a percolation rate of more than 2 minutes per inch, to not less than three foot offset from groundwater; therefore granting a one foot relief, as it meets the requirements for public health. On a motion from Phil Durno; it was seconded by Chairperson LaFleur and voted all in favor; motion passes.

APPOINTMENTS:

BOARD OF HEALTH VACANCY INTERVIEWS/DISCUSSION AND VOTE TO APPOINT

Chairperson Margie LaFleur welcomed and acknowledged that two residents have submitted applications for the volunteer position to fill the Board of Health vacancy. Applicants Renee D'Argento and Stephen Themelis provided an introduction describing their experience, background in public service, past professions and interest in serving on the PBOH.

Phil Durno reiterated that this open vacancy is a temporary fill-in position which will expire in the Spring of 2021. At that time, both candidates may run for the permanent 3-year term for the PBOH position; when residents will cast their vote at April's town meeting.

Both candidates answered and responded in detail several questions asked of them from both Board members. Discussions ensued and questions, comments and recommendations were received by residents as well.

Both Ms. LaFleur and Mr. Durno thanked the candidates for their interest in serving on the Board of Health and expressed that this was a very difficult decision as both candidates have excellent qualifications, extensive backgrounds and knowledge that will benefit the Town.

After much consideration, Phil Durno made a recommendation to have Stephen Themelis fill this temporary vacancy; Chairperson LaFleur expressed her recommendation to have Renee D'Argento.

Ms. LaFleur stated that since the Board cannot agree on a candidate that they must present this nomination to the Board of Selectmen. Chairperson LaFleur stated that she will request a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen in September to vote and appoint one of these candidates to fill the vacancy on the PBOH.

ACTION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

20L/R WHEELER STREET – NONCOMPLIANCE OF INNOVATIVE ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEM, INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS AND DEED RECORDING:

Health Agent Kalene Gendron presented to the Board the most recent Order to Correct dated August 11, 2020 addressed to the homeowners of 20L/R Wheeler Street; which was served by Constable on August 12, 2020. Ms. Gendron stated that the property owners have been in receipt of this Order for greater than seven days which now exceeds the authorized timeframe for them to appeal. The PBOH Office has not been in receipt of any response from either party. Chairperson LaFleur noted that the Homeowners of 20L/R Wheeler Street were not in attendance of this meeting.

Ms. Gendron stated at this time the PBOH has exhausted all its options at the local level; therefore, she recommends pursuing court action and the consideration of the Board to implement fines for non-compliance. Ms. Gendron informed the Board that in light of Covid-19, delays are common in the filing of court cases and there is a possibility that Town Counsel may have to represent the PBOH as there have been some changes in the court system in regards to moving cases forward.

The Board members discussed the option of implementing a fine and pursuing court action. They reviewed the Order to Correct which stated failure to comply with order shall, upon conviction, result in fines of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars; each days failure to comply constitutes a separate violation.

On a motion made by Phil Durno, seconded by Chairperson LaFleur it was voted all in favor to bring the homeowners of 20L/R Wheeler Street to court for non-compliance of their Innovative Alternative Septic System; for not having a full successful inspection; as their system needs to be serviced and is not functioning properly. If these issues are not addressed and recorded on the deed then they will be fined \$10.00 per day for non-compliance; until issues are corrected.

28 BAYBERRY STREET - CORRECTION TO MOTION MADE ON JULY 28, 2020:

Chairperson LaFleur stated that a motion made on July 28, 2020 by the PBOH needed to be amended. At its last meeting, the Board approved a motion that the trailer located at 28 Bayberry Street be removed from the property within two months. Ms. LaFleur noted that the PBOH did not have the authority to have personal property removed from this site. On a motion made by Phil Durno, seconded by Ms. LaFleur it was voted all in favor to correct the motion of July 28th, 2020 to indicate that the trailer may remain on the property; however, the trailer cannot be used for habitable purposes.

COVID-19 and FLU CLINIC UPDATES:

Health Agent Kalene Gendron noted that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Websites continue to offer an abundance of information in regards to Covid-19. She encourages residents to visit both websites. She noted that when visiting the MA DPH Website; click the Covid banner, which will bring you to a Covid Response Reporting Item called The Daily Dashboard. On this page, it lists the current count and rate of confirmed Covid cases by city or town. These numbers are updated every Wednesday. Therefore, if any resident would like to know this information it is readily available on this site. Residents are also welcomed to call the PBOH office. Ms. Gendron continues to ask all residents of Pepperell to continue to be vigilant and aware; to do everything they can to protect themselves and their families.

Ms. Gendron also informed the Board that the NABH are currently in talks in coordinating Flu Clinics. The site may possibly be moved from the Nissitissit Middle School where it is usually hosted, to somewhere else in town. This information is forthcoming.

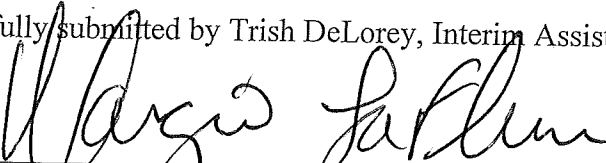
FUTURE MEETING: The next PBOH meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2020 at 5p.m.


ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Phil Durno; seconded by Chairperson LaFleur, it was voted in favor to adjourn the meeting at 11:06A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Trish DeLorey, Interim Assistant to the Board of Health

Signed:


Margie LaFleur, Chairperson of the Pepperell Board of Health


Phillip Durno, Member of the Pepperell Board of Health

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