

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: REMOTE

PRESENT:

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

Chairperson LaFleur 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

Ms. LaFleur presented the meeting minutes of October 19, 2021.

A Motion was made by Themelis to accept the meeting minutes of October 19, 2021, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved

ACTION ITEMS / NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION

a. Jenna Montgomery / Open discussion with Health Educator/Comm. Specialist

Jenna began by thanking the Board for welcoming her to the meeting. She said that she grew up in Townsend and has ties to the area. Jenna stated that her position is grant funded and she will be meeting with the towns to see what their needs are. She will be attending meetings with other Boards and has sent out a survey and will be applying for grants. Jenna has attended the Department of Public Health meetings. The Board gave Jenna a background of themselves. They asked Jenna how long the grant was for and she wasn't quite sure. Could be 2-3 years or up to 10 years, depending how it goes. Her goals are to meet with all Board of Health's and educate them on her position. The discussion continued. The Board thanked Jenna for meeting with them and looked forward to meeting with her again.

b. Budget Update

Chairperson referenced the breakdown of the budget which was in the packet. There was nothing new to report. The Board had no questions.

c. 10 Cranberry – Local Upgrade for Groundwater Reduction from 5 feet to 4 feet

Health Inspector Gendron, stated that this is a failed system and the wetlands are very close. The 1 foot ground reduction is needed to avoid grading into the wetlands. The I/A system would

shrink profile of leach field. Themelis would like the engineer to come before the board to discuss this request. D'Argento would like them to go with the Presby system. After discussion, a Motion was made by Themelis to have the Engineer communicate with Gendron and the Board regarding the I/A system, which is the best solution, and in the event the I/A system is not a good site to approve groundwater offset, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved.

d. 13 Brookline Street – Update

Health Agent Gendron began by telling the Board that she has filed this matter in court for failing to make corrections from the housing inspection that was performed in early September. The eviction notice is separate. Ed Caron the owner spoke on his behalf stating that this is his personal living space. The tenant, William Gibson, occupies 2 bedrooms and common space in the basement. Gibson is a tenant at will. Gibson was served an eviction notice on January 23, 2021 by a Constable. Caron is being forced by state to make repairs that are not needed to be made at a very high cost. Caron has been waiting for a court date for eight months. There is no standard eviction at this time because of the delay in court.

After discussion, Themelis asked Mr. Caron to supply the Board with the paperwork and Caron agreed.

A Motion was made by Themelis to take no action on this matter at this time, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved.

e. 10 Cranberry Street

Jack Viewneski, the engineer for this project was present, stating that this is an upgrade approval and not a variance. He went over the plan with the Board saying that the line goes up to the 50 foot wetlands offset zone. This will be a standard pipe and stone system.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Themelis to grant the local upgrade for the groundwater reduction from 5 feet to 4 feet, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved.

f. 64 East Street – Request for wash well

Chairperson LaFleur stated that this is a wash well which is in close proximity to the road and she has concerns. The setback is 25 feet from lot line and should be 50 feet. Health Agent Gendron said that this is new construction and the Board can make an assumption that this is a drinking well. There is no municipal water on East Street. The Board felt that the information provided to them was incomplete and neither the petitioner nor the engineer was present to explain and/or answer the Board of Health's questions.

After discussion amongst the Board, a Motion was made by Themelis to deny the wash well for 64 East Street, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved.

Health Agent Comments

a. Special Permit Application No. 2021 04-40, 62 Oak Hill Street

The special permit was presented and a Motion was made by D'Argento to send comments to the Planning Board that the Health Department approves the permit, Seconded by Themelis, Motion Moved.

b. Covid 19 Report

Gendron stated that there were no updates. Pepperell was at 2.48%.

Matters That May Be Raised That The Chairperson Did Not Reasonably Anticipate

There were none.

A Motion was made by Themelis to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.