

Minutes for 11/10/20 meeting approved via Zoom at 11/24/20 meeting

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held via Zoom on **November 10, 2020** at 6:00 PM

Members Present: Christopher Rogers, Chair, Scott Powell, Member, Chris Slade, Member

Also Present: Bill Brookings, Health Agent, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health Kristen Zina, Health and Permitting Assistant

Call to order: C.Rogers motions to open the meeting at 6:04pm, S.Powell 2nd's motion

Minutes reviewed for:

- Minutes reviewed for October 13, 2020 – Approved on the condition that the final paragraph be updated by Kzina. motion passes 3/0
- Minutes reviewed for October 27, 2020 – Minutes approved as they are submitted, motion passes 3/0

Mail Reviewed:

Action/Discussion:

Recurring Topics:

- **Coronavirus**
 - New Metrics from DPH

New Topics:

- **Variance request – 9 Cider Circle**
 - Lot 52 / 53 Request BP, less than 50 ft from side / front property line, does not meet potable offsets
 - AB says homeowner associate needs to approve well, cannot move forward until that is cleared
 - Regs say to meet potable offsets if can, if not, see the Board
 - Has the Board allowed ones that have not met the offset before?
 - All have met the requirements to date
 - Property line is not a resource that poses a threat to the well
 - Access due to slope, would be difficult to fix if needed
 - CR – would like to see the proposal, if there is a variance needed, it needs to come to the board
 - Cannot issue the permit without the home owners association approval

Building Permits Reviewed:

- **100 East End Road – Tent** (B. Brookings signed 10/27/20)
- **246 Hudson Road – Basement** (B. Brookings signed 10/27/20)
- **89 Spectacle Hill Road – Barn** - (B. Brookings signed 11/3/20)
- **157 Harvard Road – Finished room over garage** - (B. Brookings signed 11/3/20)

Septic Permits Reviewed:

- **120 East End Road – Dbox**
 - DBox replacement based on a title 5 inspection
 - Work has been completed

Inspections reviewed:

- **300 Harvard Road**
 - Water treatment system, KZina to send letter
 - No filing fee attached
- **120 East End Road**
- **202 Still River Road**
 - DBox
 - Board approved Bill to move forward with the permit

C.Slade was asked to work with B. Romer on planning and what is the Boards position on public water supply. Most of the damages septic's have been removed. Would be expensive to pay for in the center of town as most with in the town have been updated.

CS- Will update the board with his position and what he has spoken to BR about.

If the lot sizes are the way they are, they shouldn't be a problem. A new title 5 system is self-contained. Primary need is 4ft of dry sand.

What else would the Board like added?

C.Rogers – nothing more needs to be added. This is not the first time the topic has come up, same outcome each time. As this progresses, 1 every couple of years needs an upgrade. There is no current driving need for a pubic system of any kind. They have talked in the past about a municipal system to run past certain properties, historically looking at this as a Board, the amount of work needed to make the change would not make sense.

You would not be able to move a whole block of people out of their homes during the upgrades. If done for one location, how do you start to separate who gets the upgrade and who doesn't?

CR – again, no driving need at this time, forced main system to library and Public safety, may not be an option to tie into the system.

SP – Making the assumption (valid) that we're not going to have any significant business development in the area.

CS – development we have had has been supported by the systems that we have

BB – was asked to look at properties on Main St in the center area, everything had passed a title 5 or an upgrade system installed

CS – if you can put a system at XXX Main st, all other properties should be able to handle a system

CS – will have his write up to the board for review

C. Rogers moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 6:34pm, S.Powell 2nd. Motion passes 3/0.