

Minutes approved via Zoom at the February 9, 2021 meeting

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held via Zoom on **January 26, 2021** at 6:00 PM

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

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

Chris Rogers makes motion to open meeting at 6:04pm

6:00pm WORKING SESSION

Minutes approval, Mail Review
Building Permit Applications
Inspection Reports

APPOINTMENTS:

6:00pm – Mark Ayotte, 985 Main Street

- On Tuesday Mark emailed in the 4 bedroom deed restriction, therefore did not need to attend the meeting. Bill reviewed at that time and home owner was notified to file the restriction and one filed to return it. Once returned it can be uploaded to the permit and Bill can approve the permit in Viewpoint.

ACTION/DISCUSSION:

Recurring Topics:

- Coronavirus

New Topics:

- 96 Hudson Road
 - Proposed second dwelling on the property
 - Existing well, State considered it the old zone 1, now it's inactive
 - Bill has asked the engineer to relocate the tank out of that location. Still waiting on the plan to come back
 - Will also require an overall site and flow rate
 - This will be moved to the next meeting. Still working with our departments in town to clarify if 2 dwellings can be on the property.
- Lot 5 Goose Pond Path
 - Proposal from engineer is shared during the meeting
 - The engineer called ad when they were clearing trees they didn't clear enough. Therefore they are proposing the trenches be shifted. The dimensions are the same as what was originally proposed, there are no changes there.
 - Board approves the changes
- 29 Ledgewood Drive
 - Board reviews floor plan and counts 12 rooms (11 now, plus 1 proposed)
 - This will require a 5 bedroom deed restriction
 - KZina to send email to contractor asking for this to be filed and sent back to the board so the building permit can move forward

Additional topic –

Chris Slade speaks to stream testing that has recently been conducted.

4 years ago we got a very high level of chloroform all the way to the culvert in front of the Houghton Building. We came in with a 1920 on the chloroform at the time. Recent test shows a 370. The fecal strep went from 42-60. The results have been given to Bill for a better understanding. Per Bill, the ratio of fecal chloroform to fecal strep, if it's 4 or more it indicates contamination from human origin. If it's less than 0.7, it's more likely from an animal. The ratio is currently heading away from the human source, with a large drop.

Chris Rogers - Is it possible it's residual from a particular property?

CS – He does not know how long the residual would be.

Bill Brookings – The system has been in for over a year, shouldn't be much of a source.

CR – A great swing in the right direction

CS – 2 property owners got involved and it made a difference. Keep an eye on it and test it yearly around the same Scott Powell – Does it make sense to take action on the one remaining property?

CS – It is an unsettled estate, may not be a good time

CR – There is a solution in the future when the property is sold.

BB – Issue a request for an update as to where they stand

BUILDING PERMITS:

- 257 Main Street – Replace Deck (B.Brookings approved 1/12/21)

SEPTIC PERMITS:

- 24 Meadow Road – Dbox
 - This was the result of Title 5 from the Fall of 2020

INSPECTION REPORTS:

- 8 Quail Run Road
 - Pass
- 525 Wattaquadock Hill Road
 - Sewer Line replacement, cracked piping
 - Work being done on Friday 1/29/21

****Agendas are subject to change –
the order and exact times of these items may vary
(except public hearings which cannot begin prior to the time listed)****