

Minutes approved via Zoom at the September 28, 2021 meeting

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held via Zoom on August 10, 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 6:02pm

6:00pm

WORKING SESSION

Minutes approval, Mail Review
Building Permit Applications
Inspection Reports

APPOINTMENTS:

- None

ACTION/DISCUSSION:

RECURRING TOPICS:

- Coronavirus
 - Bolton is now 2 weeks without a new case
 - Vaccinate is 76.6%, a higher number for those eligible (ages 12+)
 - Some neighboring towns that are requiring masks in town hall buildings
 - C.Rogers will forward an email from NABH
- Central Mass Mosquito Control
 - Website has been update with some more info on the tentative spray information
 - As of this week, there has been no EEE found in the State

NEW TOPICS

- 626 Main Street
 - Educational use being proposed, numbers on proposed use need to be reviewed. Bill has also sent them to Susan Connors
 - KZina to request meter readings to see how water usage compares to the design flow
- RCAP Well Testing Program Update
 - Program is in September
 - This is a first come first serve program. The Board will not be given the results from testing.
 - PFAS was found in Devens and this prompted the program.
 - C.Rogers is speaking with the Harvard Board of health as they are also working with RCAP
 - Add to next agenda as well
 - KZina to follow up on number of wells participating in the program
- 23 Old Stone Circle – Status Update
 - Homeowner Amy has joined the meeting
 - B.Brookings has shared a list of outstanding items this property needs for occupancy. Should he hold the current building permit to complete the work needed on the home or just hold occupancy once the work is done.
 - Items needed are below:
 1. Valid Title 5 inspection report
 2. Original permit has expired 12/11/2015. A new permit application and \$125 fee due to NABH
 3. Installers as-built and certification. Installer must be licensed for 2021
 4. Engineers as built and certification, including I/A system certification
 5. Revisions to engineers as built – watertight and water line locations on Lots 24B, 25B and 26B. Need all 3 invert in elevations for SMH-1
 6. Owner I/A acknowledgement
 7. Signed contract for Title 5 inspection of shared system every 3 years
 8. Shared system escrow documentation per DEP letter dated 10/3/212

9. Recorded shared system easement plan
 10. Status of irrigation well installation / deed language, well competition report
 11. Copy of recorded DEP letter dated 10/3/12
 12. Common facilities disclosure
- C.Slade – Most of this work is done, just need to track down the paperwork
 - B.Brookings – Still some work on installation
 - C.Rogers – Does not feel the building permit should be held up while waiting for these items. But they need to be fully completed before any occupancy from the BOH is issued
 - The list will be sent to the homeowners and they will send it to the new builder, so they are also aware of what is needed before the BOH issues any compliance
- Culvert Grant Application
 - DPW Director emailed BOH Chair, looking for support.
 - S.Powell – Has reviewed the document and supports it as well
 - Grant would improve a number of culverts in town
 - C.Rogers will reply to DPW Director with Boards support
 - Lot 12A Sugar Road
 - Terry Boots & Scott Hayes are present during the meeting
 - The site plan is shared for the Board to review, however there is a new plan that has not been sent to B.Brookings
 - Mr. Boots – the current well is not good, despite it's only 20ft from another well. Previous meeting with the board it was to supply the well for 576 Sugar Road, now it is 20 years later and that lot is going to be developed. There are 3 options to fix the issue:
 - The "cleanest" option is to drill another well, with a different easement, current septic
 - Single well for both homes
 - Drill another well near the failed well
 - C.Rogers – the well should be on the lot that it serves. Ok with the dedicated well on property easement, the shared well is not the best option.
 - T.Boots – There is a back up water supply in the well out front
 - B.Brookings – The DEP does not get involved with private wells, there is a Mass General Law that says no building permit that can be issued to build a home unless the supply is available from a water system operated by a well located for the land where the building is to be constructed
 - S.Hayes – Shares the new plan. They are proposing using existing well and modify the easement
 - Variance set backs would be needed
 - 576 Sugar Road where the existing house is located, the water quality isn't good. Set back have changed, could help a little to drill new well. But if a new well is drilled, the same issue could arise.
 - S.Powell – Plan would satisfy law B.Brookings mentioned earlier.
 - C.Rogers – Preferred is the well is on the lot it serves, both wells would be protected. This plan is a good plan.
 - S.Powell – Agrees, better than a shared system
 - C.Slade – is ok with that plan
 - S.Hayes – He will need to come back to the board with the variance request (offset to property lines), septic design is completed except for a few new changes for Bill.
 - B.Brookings – This proposal respects a pre-existing condition and would out a new well on the home. This would need to go to Conservation Commission as well.
 - Comprehensive Permit (Planning) – South Bolton Road
 - Bill has replied to the Planning Board with the Board of Health's position
 - The Board still needs something from the State treating them as private wells
 - Spectacle Hill Road
 - Some neighbors have volunteer and helped the home owner out by doing some cleaning at the home
 - 727 Main Street Status
 - C.Slade has not heard back from the lab intime for the meeting
 - They should be back by the next meeting
 - Bare Hill Road
 - This is no longer a Board of Health issue, the Building Inspector would need to make a decision

BILLS PAID:

- None since last meeting

BUILDING PERMITS:

- 389 Berlin Road – Alterations (B.Brookings approved 7/28/21)
- 97 Forbush Mill Road – Generator and equipment (B.Brookings approved 7/28/21)
- 55 Quaker Lane - Deck(B.Brookings approved 7/28/21)
- 3 John Powers – Shed (B.Brookings approved 7/28/21)
- 69 Frye Road - Deck(B.Brookings approved 7/28/21)

SEPTIC PERMITS:

- Forbush Mill Road – New Lot
 - David Sadowski and Patrick Mortimer have joined the call
 - Reserve area needs to be proven and Title 5 inspection need to be completed, both have been done
 - Plans are shared, they are variance free
 - Board has no objections, Bill will draft the permit will sign permit for the Board
- Lot 8 & 9 Meadow Road – New Lot
 - Permits drafted and Bill will review and Sign
 - Board approves this
- 248 Sugar Road – Septic tank & DBox
 - Replacement due to age

INSPECTION REPORTS:

- 108 Oak Trail
 - Pass
 - Long sewer line inspection was not done and now needed
- 288 Sugar Road
 - Move to next meeting
- 71 Still River Road
 - Pass from 10/2020
 - Home renovation

C.Rogers makes motion to adjourn @ 7:10pm, 2nd by S.Powell, passes 3/0

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