

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held at the Houghton Building on **September 24, 2019** at 6:00 PM

Members Present: Christopher Slade, Chair, Scott Powell, Board Member

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

CSP
DSP

Call to order: **by Scott Powell 6:10pm**

Minutes reviewed for :

- S.Powell moved to approve the minutes of September 10, 2019, C.Slade 2nd. Motion passes 2/0.
- However, board would like to have Chris Rogers review them before having them be final.

Appointments:

ACTION/DISCUSSION:

- Board of Health future recommendations for EEE
 - Board of Health is on the Selectmen's agenda on 9/26 regarding this topic
 - Scott – We should go into meeting with recommendations, rather than open discussion
 - Do we want to propose joining CMMCP again? Or indicate that we've gone forward with joining 4 times and it's been voted down each time. Do we bring in recent news to support joining program?
 - Chris – See where the Selectman would like us to go, put together a program of our own not necessarily the CMMCP, bring in school board, Selectman, conservation, have a smaller meeting before going to town. Look at what state has for risks and decide what needs to be done.
 - Recommend that meetings be held over winter, to bring something for the Town meeting. What policy do we want?
 - Scott – CMMPC very organized program, they have the solutions. They're concerned with the environment and not always just the threat.
 - Chris – you hear the strong sides and you don't get a sense of where everyone is at before getting to town meeting. Can CMMPC tailor a program for a small town?
 - Scott – if we went to the town and we understand there is a threat, our policy is no spraying in public spraying areas.
 - Should we request a budget for spring next year for this? This way we could respond to a threat with out joining the program?
 - Significant that the State had a threshold that they can spray with out any ask of the towns. Ariel spraying has the most environmental impact.
- 82 Old Bay
 - Call from DEP alerting to situation of having tires on property
 - Homeowner not present in the home.
 - Chris Slade – We should put this on hold for Chris Rogers
- 59 Golden Run Road – Home occupation
 - Need to look at license.
 - Water usage is ok based on her letter.

- 103 Kettle Hole – Two Wells
 - Mike Hill in attendance
 - A few years back, a 2nd well was dug on the property, this produces a lot of water for the property. It was tested and it showed high for arsenic. If tied to home, deed would need to be adjusted. At the time, they were ok, as only 2 people living in the house. During summer months when watering taking place in neighborhood, the well isn't as productive.
 - Seeking approval to tie well into the house, install filtration tanks so the water is treated and meets the standard. This would involve some trenching along the property.
 - Bill has letters from 2014, water has been retested and levels meets the standards. Once treatments are complete, then there is a retreatment before it's a final signoff. This would also let future owners know what was required for the safe water levels.
 - Chris Slade requests to have the paperwork worked on and the Board doesn't have to vote on this.
 - KZina to send letter to home owners going over steps again.
- 392 Main Street – Geothermal Well
 - Retest is ok.
 - KZina to send letter recommending future retesting
- Dept Public Health Survey
 - Board reviewed.
 - BBrookings and KZina to review and try to fill out
- 113 Harvard Road – Variance
 - Paperwork has not come back out. We are going to need a plan showing the well is going to be located.
 - This is on hold for the paperwork.

Items discussed not on agenda

- 104 Spectacle Hill Road
 - A letter needs to be sent.
 - Look at the building file to see if occupancy was issued.
- 289 Sugar Road
 - Letter presented to board
 - Well disconnected from house, cement cap with metal door.
 - KZina to send letter.

BUILDING PERMITS:

- **274 Vaughn Hill Road** - Front Portico (B.Brookings signed 9/17/19)
- **269 Harvard Road** – Addition (B.Brookings signed 9/17/19)
- **5 John Powers Lane** – New Dwelling (B.Brookings signed 9/20/19)
- **0 Moderator (#82) Lot 14** - New Dwelling (B.Brookings signed 9/17/19)
- **0 Moderator (#55) Lot 1** - New Dwelling (B.Brookings signed 9/17/19)
- **356 Main Street** – Pavilion (B.Brookings signed 9/17/19)
- **74 Old Stone Circle** - Occupancy (B.Brookings signed 9/17/19)

Lot 25B Old Stone – who owns property?

SEPTIC PERMITS:

- Lot 1 Houghton Farm Lane – Revised
 - Not here
- Lot 5 John Powers Lane – Revised
 - Plans reviewed for existing proposed.
 - New plan approved by Bill and BOH.
- 186 Long Hill Road – Upgrade
 - Not a permit, discussion on title 5 variance.
 - Board is ok moving forward.
 - Steve Sears will be sending information – newspaper and mail (green cards).
- 27 Sampson Road – Upgrade
 - Failed title 5, PresB bed being proposed, plan reviewed.
 - Compliant tank needed, upgrade only, permit approved.
- 167 Wilder Road – Septic tank repair
 - Top of tank cracked.
 - Tank repaired, permit approved.
- 129 Kettle hole Road – Septic tank and DBox
 - Tank and dbox starting to deteriorate.
 - Permit approved.
- 96 Hudson Road – Septic tank
 - Move to next meeting.
- 289 Ballville Road – Permit
 - 3bdrm house, built in 1996, selling home, wants to sell as 5 bdrm, new system being put in for 5 bdrms, 1500gallon tank. If in good shape, it meets volume requirement, permit approved.
 - Letter advising checking on system as it's close to the road.

INSPECTION REPORTS:

- 423 Harvard Road
 - Water softener discharge and condensation line need to be removed.
 - KZina to send letter.

S.Powell moved to adjourn the meeting September at 7:38pm, C.Slade 2nd. Motion passes 2/0.