

## **BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**

Meeting Held via Zoom on **July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at 6:00 PM

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

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

Call to order: 6:05pm

C.Rogers makes motion to approve minutes from June 23, 2020. S.Powell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes 2/0

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

- **6:00 pm: Bruce Slater – seating capacity, based on septic.**
  - Pavillion has been signed off with building inspector.
  - Neil has supplied with all items on the list from the letter that was sent to Bruce.
  - 2 items are owed from Northboro septic and will be sent over.
  - This is almost complete now for the certificate of compliance.
  - B.Slater – Pavilion built to offer outdoor seating, to host events. He was hoping that he could have 60 seats inside and outside, how many would he be allowed to have per year with 75-100 people per event. What would the requirements would be for hand washing and bathrooms? The water usage isn't there, he asks the Board to look at the water usage to be able to host such events.
  - BBrookings – System is for 50 seats total / 2 bedrooms. The 50 seats are total of inside and outside combined. Patrons and staff. Larger events are a concern as the system is not designed to handle more than 50 people.
  - B.Slater – when cooking the bbq there is no additional water usage. The float numbers would show an increase and they do not show that.
  - N.Gorman, David Ross Associates. The system is designed for 1980 gallons per day, his peak day was 600 gallons last year. Water conservative machines due to better technology allow for better water conservation. The system is designed for 4 times what he is using now.
  - C.Slade – Are they calculated on a daily basis or monthly basis?
  - NG - when paperwork is submitted to state for better flow, busy vs slow days are considered when reporting the numbers.
  - CRogers – 50 seats are based on tank?
  - BB – Title 5 is for 35g/per day / per seat, plus a 200-gallon flow for the 2 bedrooms comes up to the 1980 gallons a day.
  - CR – is 50 seats reasonable for inside and out?
  - BSlater – Looking to host events in the future. Having several hand wash-stations and portable toilets is to cut back on water consumption. plates and utensils are not going through the dishwasher they are recycled.
  - SPowell - This is a change in the business. Should have been sorted out before the pavilion was built. Parking, crowds, liquor is also something to take into consideration.
  - BSlater – Special permit was pulled and this type of business was discussed. Plenty of parking where mulch is. Could handle extra cars, even make it valet parking. No liquor violations to date.
  - NG – This is not a year round facility, based on the outdoor nature
  - CR – There are 2 topics – Slaters every day and Slaters events. Look at model at the winery and see if it can be used at Slaters.
  - CS – If there is only one code, it's tough to have it a one size fits all.
  - BSlater – The 35/g per seat, seems high and should be looked at. The septic permit is for 60 seats.
  - BB – The permit is really for 50 seats / 2bdrms. Neil Gorman confirms the math on flow per seat per day comes to the 1980 gallons.
  - CR – He is not worried about seating for day to day operations. As he has not come near maximum capacity for the system. Board needs to figure out what they are comfortable with. Keeping day to day and events as separate proposals. Suggests speaking with Rich at Winery. The Board needs Bruce to submit a plan on how to handle events. Believes there is a limit to the events he can have per year.
  - CS – Keep water usage in check, to stay in compliance to the code.
  - BSlater – They take water usage seriously. They take readings every morning.

- CR – To move meeting along, suggest at this time we move to the next meeting. Asks Bruce to bring proposals to the next meeting.
- SP – Meter reading approach meets title 5 regulations?
- BB – If Bruce wanted to pursue DEP approval for adjustment, they could submit it for approval after the local BOH approves it.
- SP – DEP approval could give more capacity
- CR – He would support going to the DEP for approval as the Board has been monitoring the flow. Again suggest Bruce puts forth his proposal and move to the next agenda as well
- BSlater - would like more seats, even if it's temporary. If people are standing not "sitting" how does board feel?
- BB – A patron is counted as standing or sitting.
- CR – Reminds Bruce to see this as 2 discussions for the every day use and events.
- CS – Board wants to be reasonable and sensible. Suggests contacted DEP to see what has worked in the past.

#### **ACTION/DISCUSSION:**

- **Coronavirus Updates**
  - KZina provides an update on DPH calls
- **Mosquito Response Update**
  - S.Powell – At the recent selectman meeting – The Mosquito committee has made a recommendation to disband the committee, the objectives had been met. As well as recommend that the appoint the BOH as the key contact for CMMCCP going forward. As part of that we presented the work that committee did in establishing the 4 different threat levels and how the Board of Health will respond.
  - Discussion of the 4 levels and how they will be addressed and how updates will be sent to the public.
  - The first 2 levels do not suggest any treatment for getting rid of mosquitos, only suggests steps to remind the public of self-protection.
  - Step 3 – EEE in local communities that could impact Bolton. This would generate a conversation with CMMCP on any treatments that could help.
  - Level 4 is a threat in Bolton that would need to be addressed.
  - Board agrees that this is a well measures response.
  - SP – Any questions from those on the call?
  - CPollastri- Mosquito life cycle is short, should we continue to use larvicide to control them?
  - SP – That is a good question and more information is needed from CMMCP. At this time, the Board has not engaged with CMMCP to find out the details.
  - KZina – Working to update the CMMCP information on the BOH page on the town webpage.
  - SP – Speak with Tim again and make sure these 4 levels align with what they feel is a reasonable approach. As a town we should have a little more say how things get done, but the CMMCP did not offer only parts of the program, we need to work with them with all aspects of the program to work together.
  - CR – Suggests inviting Tim from CMMCP to the next BOH meeting to discuss the plan and how it can work best for the town
  - SP – Try to do all we can do to avoid the state having to come in and spray.
  - Tim and Conservation are working on how to handle conservation land.
- **Appoint Animal Inspector – Phyllis Tower**
- **Nomination of NABH to represent Bolton for Region 2 PHEP**
  - Board approves letter
  - KZina to sign and mail back
- **Moderator Way – Infrastructure concerns**
  - Bill performed site visit, erosion issues, may not be a concern to BOH all requirements have been met on the properties.
  - CS – See what the planning board and building inspector have to say about it.
  - CR – Is there a DPW component with this? Is it impacting the road?
  - BPace - Town and DPW hired a new engineer, the curbing has not been backed up, as of today it is 95% done, there is another site walk though on maintenance. Erosion on lots will take the grass to grow.
  - BRadcliff – Resident of Moderator Way, this may not be a BOH issue, the storm drain infrastructure is not working properly, the run off from water is slipping over the storm drains along the road. About 90% from the houses and runs next to road eroding it.

- BPace – DPW and Town has a bylaw, you cannot have driveway runoff into the street, they are designed to handle it, but not allowed to place it in the street.
- CS – Public street, not a private driveway, Planning board is on board to work out the details.
- CR - If wells and septic are affected, reach back out to Board of Health.
- BR – The water cascading through everyone's property if there are any well and septic issues from this.
- EHutchins – Run off leech field, is that normal or appropriate? They cannot establish any grass on that area. What can be done to mitigate issue?
- BB – Slope stabilization is a concern; all codes were adhered to when planning the lots.
- EH – Every storm moves any dirt off the leech field. Is there anything that can be done in the meantime while we wait?
- CR – Mulch hay, straw can be used
- SP – Tough time of year to establish a lawn. Agrees with the mulch and hay
- EH – Cannot drive over leech field, is this their responsibility or builder? There are many issues going on.
- CS – Not sure what agreement was at the sale of the house. They will have to get it to a discussion with them. Not the BOH, unless parts of the system are exposed.
- CR – What did Bill see on his visit?
  - Bill was at 57 and 55 Moderator
- EH – Is at 75 Moderator and that is at the top of the hill
- BB – Can do another site visit to understand if this slope concerns.
- EH – The issue at one home if affecting other properties.
- CR – Check what the obligation is of the builder for the grass. Any potential threat to a system will be taken seriously.
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- **6 McNulty Road**
  - There has been corporation from the board, letter has been emailed

#### **BUILDING PERMITS:**

- **704 Main Street** – Chimney Repair (B. Brookings approved 6/23/20)
- **0 Old Bay Rd (#298)** – New construction (B. Brookings approved 6/23/20)
- **519 Wattaquaddock Hill Road** - Pool (B. Brookings approved 6/23/20)
- **30 Bowers Spring** – Tent (B. Brookings approved 6/25/20)
- **1141 Main Street** – New Construction Occupancy (B. Brookings approved 6/30/20)
- **683 Main Street** – 2<sup>nd</sup> story addition & bathroom (B. Brookings approved 6/30/20)

#### **SEPTIC PERMITS:**

- **147 Sugar Road – D Box**
  - Not part of a replacement
- **30 Corn Road – D Box**
  - Title 5 inspection, being done on the 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Regency at Pondsides Drive – Upgrade**
  - Bill to approve plan
- **56 Burnham Rd – Upgrade**
  - System is in trouble and they are doing a voluntary upgrade

#### **INSPECTION REPORTS:**

- **30 Corn Road**
  - Dbox

Chris Rogers made moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at **6:50 pm**, S. Powell 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes 2/0.