

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held via Zoom on August 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM

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

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

6:00pm **WORKING SESSION**

Minutes approval, Mail Review
Building Permit Applications
Inspection Reports

Motion to open meeting - CRogers at 6:07pm

APPOINTMENTS: None

ACTION/DISCUSSION:

- **Coronavirus Updates**

- Mask Complaint
 - Do they have license at business in question?
- Bill will follow up with NABH
- No further updates from the baseball fields
- Quite a few in all towns Bill works with have had business complaints on face coverings non-compliance. Based on Governor's latest order, seems that the State is beginning to go back a little bit in that group sizes have been reduced.
- CRogers emphasizes that masks are important now.

- **Mosquito Response Update**

- SPowell - not a whole lot to report on the program.
- There was a property that was denied due to conservation location, but Rebecca ok'd the treatment
- Refer to Tim's judgement to be conservative on where to spray in town as there are no reported cases of WNV or EEE in Bolton or neighboring towns
- Including the athletic fields
- Be cautious round dusk and wear repellent
- When do we request the fields be looked at?
- Not a lot of info as to where they are doing surveillance in town. Public spaces need to have adequate surveillance. Scott to contact CMMCP as to where they are testing. We will begin to see evidence in surrounding towns. Regardless we should have some insight.
- Tire pick up, Bill will send address and KZina to email CMMCP
- Quite a bit of no spray requests in town, if we do have a health threat, would be worth a letter to the paper indicating, that people who are restricting their properties could be putting neighbors at risk. We have gotten an over reaction to the No Spray in town, and we need to keep an eye for any threats.

- **Still River Commons Update**

- Bob Matrel - 302 Vaughn Hill Rd
- Speaking on concerns to the project. Because this is a 40B, the developer is allowed to put more into the project. Mr. Martel is concerned for his property as he is an abutter, he has concern for his well and groundwater. Biggest concern is the snow storage on the septic systems. Mr. Martel has submitted the septic plan as well as where the snow will be stored. The ground water could be affected. He is requesting the engineer submits more numbers that this is safe to have. There is also the potential of the melting snow could cause problems. People may be tempted to also park cars close to the locations.
- B.Brookings - plans have not been submitted to Board for review. Could ask planning board for more specifics. H2O tank, can handle vehicular loads, should be able to handle snow melting.
- KZina to send letter to Erica, asking
- CRogers – H2O can handle a load load is 16k lbs of tire or 32k lbs of axle can fit on those tanks. Calculation may not be based on the entire vehicle being on the tank all at once.

- Mr. Martel – Has asked for calculations from engineering firm at the planning meeting. He is unsure of the whole tank is H2O. Would like the measurements to ensure the load will not cause a failure to the tanks in the area. And Surface to ground water will not be a concern from melting.
- Rona Balco - Flooding? This area is so low, the homes will be flooded. What will the board do to ensure the homes are not flooded?
- Crogers - That would be handled by the Planning board
- R. Balco - She wants the Board to be aware of this.
- CRogers - As long as the systems are built above the ground water and to all their specifications, BOH has no control over that. This is not the last project we are going to see, we need to be proactive to these projects, not reactive.
- 356 Main Street – continued discussion on septic flow
 - Nothing new on this item. No formal submission from engineer.
 - Move to next agenda
- 149 West Berlin Road- Well variance request
 - Still nothing from the owner at this time. Bill has spoken to the owner and they need to submit the plans. Remove from agenda until info comes in.
- 6 McNulty Road
 - Homeowner indicates that inspection being done 8/12, will have for next meeting.
- The Woods at Farm Road 40B project
 - Document that was submitted – The ask of the BOH is regards to the offset to wetlands. Instead of 100ft, the request is for 72ft.
 - CSLade & CRogers - recommend that the nitrogen reduction plan if they are to go through with the 72ft offset.
 - SPowell - recommend to ConCom as well, they should also push for it. Strongly recommend it.
 - KZina to send recommendation to ZBA
 - BBrookings – Any proposed multiple housing units need DEP input as they are the ones making the call if it's private or public water supply.

Additional Comments on earlier topics:

- CSLade - Can a town construct their own 40B process?
- BBrookings – Berlin faces a lot of these, but it's a driven process from the state. Would be difficult to create anything different.
- Mr. Martel - Still River - rules are what they are, some are relaxed. But if something affects public safety, the town can weigh in to the plans. ZBA approved the plan, plan should be forth coming. If there is anything that endangers the drinking water supply, the town can speak and request adjustments. He encourages the board to look at this that the drinking water supply is not affected.
- BBrookings - If they are meeting the title 5, they are meeting the state code, which means that the BOH is really unable to challenge the program.
- R. Balco - If it's supposed to be a 40B for 4 units, shouldn't all be a 40B?
- BBrookings - That is driven by the state, not the town.

BUILDING PERMITS:

- 57 Pinewood Road – Addition (B. Brookings approved 7/28/20)
- 60 Frye Road – Pool (B. Brookings approved 8/6/20)
- 38 Danforth Road – Pool (B. Brookings approved 8/6/20)
- 113 Kettle Hole Rd – Tent (B. Brookings approved 8/6/20)
- 141 Green Road – Deck (B. Brookings approved 8/6/20)
- 67 Old Stone Circle – Pool (B. Brookings approved 8/6/20)
- 44 Woobly Road – Alterations (B. Brookings approved 8/6/20)

SEPTIC PERMITS:

- Not at this time

INSPECTION REPORTS:

- 5 Still River Road - Pass, Bill to sign
- 339 Berlin Road - Pass, Bill to sign
- 716-718 Main Street - Pass, Bill to sign
- 70 Quaker Lane - Pass, Bill to sign
- 72 Quaker Lane - Pass, Bill to sign
- 33 Wilder Road - move to next agenda
- 28 Powder Hill Road - Pass, Bill to sign
- Lots 3 & 4 Craftsman Village
 - Coming up on their 3rd year, they are on a pumping schedule.

Move 111 Hudson Road to the next meeting as report came in correct.

Approve the minutes - SPowell makes motion to approve minutes from July 28, 2020 CRogers 2nd, passes 3/0

Motion to adjourn – CRogers, SPowell 2nd at 7pm

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