

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held via Zoom on January 11, 2022 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

1/11/22 minutes approved via Zoom at the January 25, 2022 meeting

Chris Rogers makes motion to open meeting at 6:03pm

Minutes from 2/9/21 Reviewed – S.Powell makes motion to approve, C.Rogers 2nd, minutes approved 3/0

6:00pm

WORKING SESSION

Minutes approval, Mail Review
Building Permit Applications
Inspection Reports

APPOINTMENTS:

- Jenna Montgomery – Nashoba Boards of Health, Communications specialist.
 - Improve NABH communication with boards they work with. Survey to BOH, will resend to Kzina. Any questions from the Board? Is there anything that the town is missing?
 - C.Rogers - NABH is a huge asset to the town with Bill and Tamera, but does the town know what they do for the town.
 - S.Powell - may want to mention that the Board is working on well testing requirements, similar to T5 inspections, Bolton would like regulations. Perhaps advocating for more well testing well regs across the state with consistency. Service that NABH would provide for communities.
 - J.Montgomery - PFAS or global ideas?
 - S.Powell - private well drinking water is safe. Starting with regs when properties turn over, to start then and expand.
 - J.Montgomery - Clinical and mental health is background, are those services a need in town?
 - C.Slade - we have a problem, not sure how to go about it.
 - Board will follow up with Jenna as these situations come up.

ACTION/DISCUSSION:

RECURRING TOPICS:

- Coronavirus
 - As of the January 6, 2022 State report, Bolton has 49 new Covid cases that week and 96.3% of eligible residents are fully vaccinated and 59.9% have received their booster.
- Proposed Well Testing Regulation
 - S.Powell has made changes and sent a copy to Jim. Jim suggested adding PFAS to one items tested for. Other suggestion is to require annual testing ecoli and nitrate as well annually.
 - C.Rogers - Does not see how that will work. He does not feel as a board there is bandwidth to make it happen.
 - S.Powell – This could work if it were a town service
 - C.Slade - No known wells needed to be condemned due to ecoli or nitrate. BB agrees.
 - C.Rogers - The source shows up and the well is fixed and problem is fixed. Start with the general process, then the Board can see what the trends are and build on that.
 - B.Brookings - Has sent some details on what the labs said. He will also find out the cost for PFAS.
 - S.Powell - Will revise another draft and Board can decide if it's ready for public hearing before changing the regulations .

NEW TOPICS:

- 2021 Annual Report
 - K.Zina is working on report and it is due to Town Administration on February. Will bring to a future meeting for Board approval once completed
- Bolton Mask Policy for Covid-19
 - C.Slade - Locations have the signs up recommendation masks, no enforcement on that
 - S.Powell - As we have been doing all along, Board has been comfortable following the State guidelines for covid, encouraging vax and boosters. Town has a great success rate on those. Signs to encourage mask wearing at location establishments in town. A mandate would be difficult to enforce, notices a good amount of people wearing masks. Feels that Bolton follows state guidelines at this time.
 - Board agrees
 - Residents that have joined the call raise their hands to speak regarding this topic. It is shared with the Board that several cities and towns in the state have mandates in place, some local to Bolton. Also that masks are the only thing protecting people from the current surge in spread of the virus. Some residents have commented in the Zoom chat feature expressing their concern over the mandate being in place.
 - C.Rogers – It was difficult to enforce when the mandate was in places before. Asks the Board again how they feel about implementing a mask mandate at this time. Would the Board consider a short term mandate?
 - S.Powell – This would be easier to enforce if there was a mandate at the State level and not up to individual cities and towns.
 - C.Rogers – Agrees. Has always felt that some people will follow and other will not. This is what has been happening in town at this time. Indicates that the Board should consider a temporary mandate at this time.
 - No motion taken at this time, Board will meet again on Friday January 14, 2022 to discuss and make decision on the policy.
- 23 Old Stone Circle
 - Letters are shared
 - B.Brookings - Looks like something that the attorney pulled from the deed, have these been established. If someone is failing to act on a shared system, the BOH can take action.
 - Letter to attorney was returned to Town Hall
 - B.Brookings - This is the beginning of the discussion to get this settled
- 5 Harvard Road – Business Certificate
 - System is not being used at its full capacity, less than 20 people, less than 4 hrs to use home facility, if more
 - C.Rogers - Is owner proposing these once a week?
 - B.Brookings - Owner is proposing 3 per month, similar proposal as to what was presented in 2018.
 - C.Slade - System is over sized, has not failed yet, does not see a problem. If it gets overworked, they will need to fix system.
- 1092 Main Street - Business certificate
 - Business certificate is ok to move forward based on what was emailed in
- Bolton Woods Way
 - C.Rogers – No new updates at the time of the meeting
- 727 Main Street
 - No new updates at the time of the meeting

BILLS PAID:

- None since last meeting

BUILDING PERMITS:

- 273 Main Street - Accessory Building (B.Brookings approved 12/16/21)
- 59 Sampson Road – Accessory Building (B.Brookings approved 12/16/21)
- 100 Meadow Road - New home construction (B.Brookings approved 12/16/21)

SEPTIC PERMITS:

- 273 Main Street
- Lot 2A – Old Bay
 - Plan shared, straight forward no variances
 - Board approves and Bill can sign

INSPECTION REPORTS:

- 31 Sargent Road
 - Pass
- 296 Berlin Road
 - Pass
- 17, 23, 25 Old Stone Circle
 - Pass
- 87 East End Road
 - Pass
 - Letter needed for garbage grinder and number of actual bedrooms is in question
- 17 McNulty Road
 - Pass

S.Powell makes motion to approve minutes from 11/23/21 meeting as written, C.Slade 2nd, Motion passes 2/0

C.Rogers makes motion to approve minutes from 12/14/21 meeting as written, S.Powell 2nd, Motion passes 2/0

C.Rogers makes motion to adjourn at 7:04pm, C.Slade 2nd, motion passes

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