

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held via Zoom on January 25, 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

1/25/22 minutes approved via Zoom at the February 8, 2022 meeting

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

6:00pm

WORKING SESSION

Minutes approval, Mail Review
Building Permit Applications
Inspection Reports

APPOINTMENTS:

- None

ACTION/DISCUSSION:

RECURRING TOPICS:

- Coronavirus
 - Bolton Mask Policy for Covid-19
 - Some complaints have been called in regarding non compliance to the mask mandate.
 - No change to the mask mandate at this time.
 - Current updates on vaccination and case count
 - As of the report on 1/20/22, Bolton had 80 new cases. Down from 90 the previous week.
 - Vaccination rate is 92.8% of the town and 68.4% of those eligible have received a booster dose.
- Proposed Well Testing Regulation
 - C.Slade - details are good, but how far should we go on these. Agrees with testing for t5, how do we test for the rest when these have not been found before. We're asking people to test for things that may not be a problem.
 - S.Powell - 40% of the wells that were testing had water quality issues.
 - C.Slade - They were not serious problems.
 - C.Rogers – RCAP Solutions testing mirrors NABH new well testing requirements.
 - B.Brookings - No well testing requirements, but was close to what Bolton requires for a new well. Gross alpha.
 - C.Slade – In the past, have wells condemned for radon?
 - B.Brookings - When people choose to test on their own, there have been 1-2 over a number of years, but it's not something that is tested for.
 - C.Rogers - Likes tying it to Title 5 on a sale / transfer. No objections starting with new requirements, as more is learned about the wells, we can add to the regulation.
 - C.Rogers - Do we change the new well regs? If found once, is it always found?
 - B.Brookings – Not necessarily as ground water is always moving. Good idea on a home sale, but beyond that it's for the board to discuss.
 - S.Powell – What does the PFAS test cost? B.Brookings - Has that information and will send into to Board
 - S.Powell - Does Stow test for PFAS?
 - B.Brookings - No, but a new focus based on DEP. Harvard tests for it based on the road the home is on.
 - S.Powell - Does B.Brookings recommend leaving it out at this time?
 - B.Brookings - Hasn't heard of a PFAS finding yet in Bolton, but could be found.
 - C.Rogers - State should be testing Bolton soon. Have a public hearing and start simple.
 - B.Brookings - If DEP program begins, it can be allowed. There is a clause in the regs that allows the testing. C.Slade - agrees
 - C.Rogers -This will allow more data from the general public; they may ask for more testing and more data comes into the Board.
 - S.Powell – Suggests removing the portion on the gross alpha screen
 - C.Rogers - Agrees. Has never tested for it before (never seen it) if a new well in these are the requirements, then go to sell the home the requirements are greater.

- S.Powell - Tests is required for both. Gross alpha was in the EPA draft regs
- C.Rogers - Will reached out to find out how often this is coming in another town.
- B.Brookings - Talking to another agent would be very helpful to help determine the best direction
- S.Powell - Accept the document as updated by another agent, depending on the gross alpha screen comes back with
- C.Rogers - Add next agenda to further discussion after he speaks with another agent.

NEW TOPICS:

- 23 Old Stone Circle
 - Builder and buyer have hired another engineer to gather info needed for sign off. Basic info submitted but the 3 homes on an account and board will have access to that account
- Planning Board request for comment on Special permit on South Bolton Road (Map 3.C Parcels 18, 20.1, and 27)
 - Standard BOH response
 - Proposed well and Septic system must be in compliance with State and Local regulations
- 95 West Berlin Road
 - Bill spoke with owner about trees on leeching fields, he is aware of the issue and will remove the trees in the spring. Bill will need to be on site when removed still waiting for email from owner on action plan
- Bolton Woods Way
 - No new info
 - Keep on agenda, as spring approaches a new course of action may be needed
- 83 Wilder Road
 - Building permit for garage with no issues, well is below grade below driveway, its existing, this may have pre-dated the regs, doesn't know if it requires action. Will follow up.
 - Not sure if anything can be done, but it is helpful to let the owner know what they have and ask for some basic actions.

BILLS PAID:

- None since last meeting

BUILDING PERMITS:

- 626 Main Street – Sign permit (B.Brookings approved 12/29/21)
- 16 Goose Pond Path – New Construction (B.Brookings Approved 12/29/21)
- 64 Burnham Road - Addition (B.Brookings approved 12/30/21)
- 92 Oak Trail – Occupancy (B.Brookings approved 1/4/22)
- 90 Annie Moore – Tent Permit (B.Brookings approved 1/4/22)
- 83 Wilder Road – Foundation Permit (B.Brookings approved 1/18/22)

SEPTIC PERMITS:

- 119 Sampson Road – Sewer Line
 - Sewer line replacement from, house to tank.

INSPECTION REPORTS:

- None at time of initial posting

MINUTES -

C.Rogers makes motion to accept minutes from January 11, 2022, C.Slade 2nd, motion passes 3/0

C.Slade makes motion to accept minutes from January 14, 2022, S.Powell 2nd, motion passes 3/0

C.Slade makes motion to adjourn meeting at 6:53pm, C.Rogers 2nd, motion passes 3/0

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