



## TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

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### BOARD OF HEALTH

#### Board of Health Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2022 – 4:30 pm

**Board of Health members in attendance:** Dr. Michael Popik, Chairman, Ed Simoncini, Matt Pearson, Abigail Conlin, Assistant Health Agent, Elizabeth Penney, Administrative Assistant

**Others in attendance:** Chris Mossman, Trowbridge Engineering, Heather Billings, Selectboard member

Dr. Popik called the meeting called to order at 4:30 pm.

#### Hearings:

**34 Edro Isle Road - Proposed addition** – At a prior meeting, the Board determined that a Bedroom Deed Restriction needs to be recorded and submitted to the Board of Health. The recorded Bedroom Deed Restriction was not received prior to the Board meeting. The hearing will be continued to future meeting pending receipt of the recorded bedroom Deed Restriction.

**21 Lake Drive East – Request for variances.** 310 CMR 15.211- Septic tank setback from a property line – proposed five feet where ten feet is required. 310 CMR 15.211 – Septic tank setback from a foundation – proposed five feet where ten feet is required. 310 CMR 15.211 – Septic tank setback -from a neighboring well – proposed forty-five feet where one hundred feet is required. 310 CMR 15.211 – Septic tank setback from the onsite well – proposed twenty-three feet where fifty feet is required. **Chris Mossman in attendance representing the homeowner.** The Board reviewed the variances requested at the June 1, 2022 meeting. The hearing was continued pending abutter notification. Motion made by Mr. Simoncini to approve the variances as presented. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion approved.

**130 Davis Road – Request for Variances** - 310 CMR 15.212 (1) a – Groundwater offset for the leaching facility – proposed three feet where four feet is required. 245-3 – Leaching facility size – proposed Title 5 where 1.25 required as per Town of Westminster Regulations. 310 CMR 15.104 – Percolation testing – proposed estimated results where actual results are required. Mr. Mossman reviewed the variances. Mr. Simoncini made a motion to approve plan with variances as presented. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed.

#### Old Business:

**PFAS Update** – PFAS has been detected in Crocker Pond. Mr. Simoncini sent the results to Department of Public Health and requested guidance regarding whether to open the beach to the public. Mr. Simoncini and Selectboard member Heather Billings will participate in a conference call with Mass DEP and Mass DPH on June 17 to discuss the water test results status of opening the beach. Board member reviewed the PFAS advisory released by the Environmental Protection Agency.



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Ms. Billings suggested testing the leach area at the landfill. Mr. Simoncini will email a request to test the sewer line at the landfill that connects to the Fitchburg treatment plant for PFAS.

Crocker Pond Water Beach Testing - Ms. Billings noted that e-coli testing at the beach will be conducted on a weekly basis.

**PFAS Communication to Residents** - Ms. Conlin noted feedback received from residents at the June 8 PFAS information session regarding communication issues. Ms. Conlin drafted a notice to send to residents via mail in a postcard format. Ms. Conlin will submit to Town Administrator for review.

#### Board Concerns:

**Kay's Dairy Bar Septic Update** - Ms. Conlin provided update, the outside restrooms were closed. The indoor restrooms for staff were open during the time the septic system was being worked on. Ms. Conlin provided information regarding the vegetation on the septic system. The Board determined that a Title 5 Inspection is not necessary at this time.

**Procedure for Signing Building Permits** - Mr. Pearson suggested providing approval for the Assistant Health Agent to sign documents with prior review and approval by the Interim Health Agent.

#### Interim Health Agent Update:

**Well Applications** – Mr. Simoncini will assist Ms. Conlin with reviewing well permit applications. Mr. Pearson noted his interest in learning the well permit application process.

**Septic Permit Application Update** - The Board of Health staff will notify the septic engineers of the transition to the newer version of the Septic Permit Application.

**22 Rock Maple Lane** – Ms. Conlin witnessed the Title 5 inspection and found the room count is not in compliance with Title 5. Board members reviewed the floor plan. It was determined that a recorded three Bedroom Deed Restriction will bring into compliance. Ms. Conlin will communicate with the homeowners.

**Camp Pineshore Update** – Angel Lehtonen, Northland Engineers submitted a summary report of the Camp Pineshore properties. Interim Health Agent Mr. Leger will meet with Ms. Lehtonen, Pastor David Jacoby to review the report.

**Noise Complaint** - A Willard Road resident filed a complaint regarding noise from the music at Wachusett Brewery. Ms. Conlin is communicating with the resident and will be recording the ambient and noise levels using a phone app.

Motion made by Dr. Popik to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Simoncini. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.



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Edward Simoncini

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Dr. Michael Popik

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Matthew Pearson

#### **Attachments:**

- 21 Lake Drive East hearing documents
- 130 Davis Road documents
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) new release – PFAS
- CampPine Shore properties report