



TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Board of Health Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2022 – 4:30 pm

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

Others in attendance: Ann Cernoch, Matt Wironen, Karen Moore, Chris Knuth, Kristy Nurmikko-Pappas, Tia Nurmikko-Pappas

Hearings:

34 Edro Isle Road - Matt Wironen, MBC Construction representing the homeowners presented a proposed addition at the June 1, 2022 meeting. The Hearing was continued pending a recorded Bedroom Deed Restriction. Mr. Wironen presented the recorded Bedroom Deed Restriction. Mr. Simoncini made a motion to approve the proposed addition. Seconded by Dr. Popik. Motion passed.

65 Harrington Road – Request for Variance - 310 CMR 15.405 (1) Sieve Analysis. Ms. Ann Cernoch, homeowner, reviewed the history of septic plan submitted in 1994 and the passing Title 5 Inspection that was completed in 2015. The system failed during 2021 Title 5 Inspection due to the system being in the groundwater. Ms. Chernoch appealed to the Board to accept the previous Title 5 Inspection. Mr. Simoncini reviewed the process of witnessing a Title 5 Inspection. It was noted that a state Certified Title Inspector failed the system, and any appeal of the inspection would be filed with MassDEP. Mr. Chris Knuth reviewed the proposed septic plan. Mr. Simoncini made a motion to approve the request for a sieve analysis. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed.

35 North Shore Road – Request for an addition. Ms. Nurmikko-Pappas and Ms. Tia Nurmikko-Pappas, homeowners, reviewed the floor plans for a proposed second floor office space. A recorded Two-Bedroom Deed Restriction is on file. The house has a tight tank. Board members determined that the proposed office space can be deemed a bedroom as defined by Title 5. The homeowners will submit a revised floor plan for the Interim Health Agent to review for compliance with Title 5 310 CMR 15.203.

Old Business:

PFAS Update - Ms. Conlin reviewed questions from septic installer and inspector Ryan Smith pertaining to digging and moving PFAS contaminated soil during septic repairs and installations. Ms. Conlin has reached out to Mary Jude Pigsley and Mark Baldi, MassDEP. Board members discussed the current private well testing requirements contained in the local well regulations. PFAS updates and discussion will be included on upcoming meeting agendas until further notice.

Public Records Request – A resident requested documents pertaining to the BioMix company on Bragg Hill Road. Mr. Simoncini noted the company received approval from MassDEP. It was noted the resident should contact MassDEP for additional documents.



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Camp Pineshore Septic Systems Update – Board members were provided a status report. Interim Health Agent Mr. Leger and Ms. Conlin met with the camp contacts Mr. Scott Sweeney, Pastor David Jacoby, and the Title 5 Inspector Angel Lehtonen to review the status of the failed systems. The failed systems have had the water turned off. Ms. Conlin noted Camp Pineshore has a semi-public beach. Ms. Conlin conducted the first water test. The Board granted approval to Pastor Jacoby to test the water on a weekly basis. Water results will be sent to the Board of Health office.

22 Rock Maple Lane Update – The sellers will submit a recorded Bedroom Deed Restriction.

Board Concerns:

Status of hiring a new Health Agent and Current Staffing – The Personnel Department is still accepting applications. Mr. Simoncini will contact Mr. Jim Garrefy, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health to discuss options for assistance with staffing. Board of Health members thanked Ms. Conlin and Ms. Penney for their efforts during the staff transition.

Health Agent Update –

The Board of Health was notified by welling drilling company that 6 Rock Maple Lane and 22 Rock Maple Lane wells are dry. Interim Health Agent and Mr. Simoncini are working together on the application process. 22 Rock Maple Lane will be deepening the existing well. 6 Rock Maple Lane will need a new well drilled. The Board reviewed the well regulations and the application process with the staff.

Ms. Conlin reviewed an issue with some Title 5 Inspectors not submitting Title 5 reports in a timely manner. The Board will discuss at upcoming meeting.

Ms. Conlin reviewed the dust remediation implemented by Mass Natural Fertilizer Company in response to the dust complaint.

Ms. Conlin provided an update to the Wachusett Brewery noise complaint.

Motion made by Mr. Simoncini to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



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Attachments:

65 Harrington Road documents
35 North Shore Road documents