

Board of Health Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2022

Board of Health Members in Attendance: Ed Simoncini, Chairman; Dr. Michael Popik, Matt Pearson, Abigail Conlin, Assistant Health Agent via Team Meets and Stephanie Wiseman, Administrative Assistant.

Others in Attendance: James Morin, Northeast Classic Engineering; Jerry Powers, 3 Virginia Ave; Heather Billings, 19 Bacon Street.

Meeting Called to Order at 4:30 pm.

Hearings:

21 Pierce Road— Request for Variance 310 CMR 15.212 – Groundwater offset for leaching facility from four feet to two feet. Mr. Morin stated it would be too costly to the owners to complete without the variance. There would be no need for a pump, and it's a treatment system rather than disposal.

Mr. Simoncini would like to see justification of cost estimates, and would like a variance of a 3 foot offset rather than t to the bottom of system as described by geomat, and a complete plan to show it.

Mr. Simoncini also asks the board if they are ok with the one perc, both Mr. Pearson and Dr. Popik agree.

Moved to the next meeting on September 7, 2022

Colony Road –Multi-use fields- proposed 3 fields with a walking path around the perimeter.

Abby Conlin states that Officer Ralph LeBlanc proposed to use "green flush toilets".

Mr. Simoncini contacted DEP and they indicate green flush installed at certain DCR locations they can be allowable with conditions. Title 5 applicants must show that a tight tank is the only option under 310 CMR 15.268. Going forward they would need approval from the board. They may be more expensive than going with septic system and bringing electricity in for a well.

Mr. Simoncini asks if all are all set. All are ready to move to the next item on the agenda.

Purchasing - Abby states that there are some things we are purchasing for the office. Stephanie Wiseman, the new Administrative Assistant asked for an additional monitor, which was already purchased and delivered. As well as several conferences that she would like to attend. Mr. Simoncini suggests that she speak with Casey, the new Health Agent (scheduled to begin approximately September 19th) regarding the spending of fund from the budget. Dr. Popik mentions that one of the conferences that Abby would like to attend is before Casey begins.

Mr. Simoncini makes a motion to allow Abby to attend the conference she requested, seconded by Matt Pearson, all were in favor. The vote was unanimous 3-0. Abby may attend the conference she requested.

Payroll Authorizations – Mr. Simoncini asks if all are in favor of the signing of the payroll authorization for the new health agent, Casey Mellin. All were in favor with a unanimous vote of 3-0. Ed signed the payroll authorization.

Hagar Park – ANR lot – Mr. Simoncini recalls Chris Mossman asking for the Board to sign off on the ANR lot to be donated to Hagar Park. He notes that the parcel of land is within the guidelines to donate as it does not affect a potential reserve septic. Mr. Simoncini makes a motion to sign the ANR, Matt abstains as he is on the Hagar Park Board, and Dr. Popik seconds the motion. Vote of 2-0. Ed gives Abby the permission to sign the ANR from either Chris Mossman or Steve Wallace.

Old Business – PFAS Updates– Heather Billings shared her concern with the Board that DEP had not updated their site with the new weekly letter from Larry Lessard with the new numbers for Crocker Pond. Mr. Simoncini offered to send the email to her. Mr. Simoncini also sent out the new map of the extended PFAS area. Dr. Popik notes it is expanding. Mr. Simoncini noticed there is a property on Victoria Lane in Fitchburg that has tested positive, and wonders if DEP will connect the loop into Westminster eventually. Josh from DPW is getting request from South Ashburnham Road to connect to the town water, but they cannot dig in the PFAS area. Woodland Dr. resident needs to replace septic but are also in the PFAS contamination zone. DEP wants the soil dug, put on a tarp and tested before moving soil from the site. Nancy Donovan noted that we sat on her plans for 4 months. Abby to look into that.

Mr. Simoncini mentioned that Larry Lessard would be attending a meeting with us on September 7th and to get questions together for him. Matt would like to know what someone who needs to have a well done, what should the procedure be. Wants to make sure any well near the PFAS zone go before the Board to be discussed.

Mr. Simoncini states we need to have a set procedure for a new or replacement well, as well as a septic that may need repairs or replacement. There needs to be a set procedure.

Dr. Popik mentions that the Fee Schedule is on the agenda. Matt asks why it is listed on the agenda again.

Mr. Simoncini suggests that Abby and Casey look at the "loaded rate" of the employees and enter the info into the spreadsheet he provided and double check against our rates. Last done in 2009.

Mr. Simoncini states we need to work on well and septic regulations. He would like an editable document that is tracked. Stephanie knows how to use tracking.

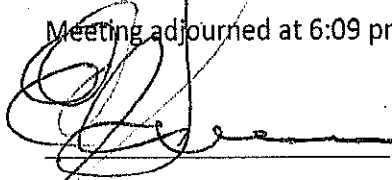
Mr. Powers brings up that definitions in the town by-laws are not complete. He has done a document with all the information and new definitions from Mass DEP. He gave copies to each member of the board.

Mr. Simoncini spoke with tetra tech. They do everything from reviewing plans, supplying us with an LSP, and can go out and do soil evaluations if need be. They charge \$200 an hour. Casey Mellin does not have his soil evaluators. Wondering if Casey should still participate in Perc testing but still have Phil available to be there as well. If not, maybe a Board Member, other than Ed.

Abby states that residents are complaining that they are not receiving a timely response when emailing Larry Lessard. Mr. Simoncini suggests that Abby email Larry and cc: Mark Baldi for the residents if they are not getting answers quickly.

Mr. Simoncini motions to adjourn, Mr. Popik seconds the motion.

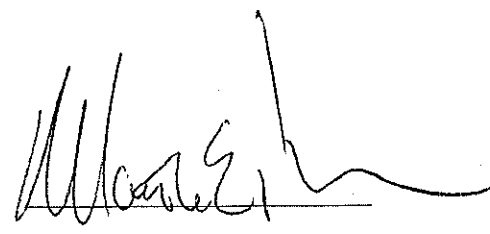
Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm



Edward Simoncini



Dr. Michael Popik



Matthew Pearson

Signed November 16, 2022

