



**TOWN OF WESTMINSTER**  
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**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Minutes for August 18, 2021  
Board of Health Meeting, Room 205, 4:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Board of Health members Dr. Michael Popik, Chairman; Mr. H. Chris Redkey, Mr. Ed Simoncini, Ms. Ann Loree, Health Agent, Elizabeth Penney, Administrative Assistant, Cynthia Vincent, Kristy Nurmikka-Pappas, Tiia Nurmikko-Pappas, Marcia Archibald, Lar Greene, McCarty Engineering, Mike LeMay, Chris Mossman, Trowbridge Engineering

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

Dr. Popik signed the contract for the Montachusett Public Health Network contract for 2021-2022. Dr. Popik signed the Hearing Officer Engagement letter for the Waste Management Site Assignment Public Hearing.

Minutes signed for 4/21, 5/5, 5/19, 6/2, 6/16. Corrections made and minutes signed for 10/7/20, 11/4/20, 11/18/20, 12/2/20, 12/16/20.

**New Business:**

**35 North Shore Road** - Mr. Chris Mossman reviewed request from homeowners to remove the deck and part of the roof and then build a two story addition. Ms. Loree noted the homeowners are not increasing room count or number of bedrooms, but rather they are moving and expanding rooms and only adding a dining room. Homeowners will receive a Certificate of Completion, not a Certificate of Occupancy from the Building Department. The property has a 2,000 gallon tight tank. Motion made by Mr. Simoncini to approve permit provided a current pumping contract is on file with the Board of Health and a 2-Bedroom Deed Restriction is recorded. Seconded by Mr. Redkey. Motion passed.

**31 Newcomb Road & 33 Newcomb Road** - Mr. Mike LeMay attended meeting on behalf his parents. Ms. Loree reviewed the two properties which are two separate buildings, both buildings are duplexes. During a recent Title 5 inspection it was determined that both systems are in hydraulic failure. The flow for each building is 440 GPD putting each system over by two bedrooms in terms of flow. It was determined that there will be no need for variances on the new systems, so no vote needed. Homeowners will be working with Whitman and Bingham to design new systems to be in compliance with Title 5.

**16 Battles Road** -The septic system will be replaced due to recent Title 5 failure. Lar Greene is requesting a Sieve Analysis. Motion made by Mr. Simoncini to approve request for Sieve Analysis. Seconded by Mr. Redkey. Motion passed.

**55 West Princeton Road** - During a recent Title 5 inspection, it was determined the room count is over for the current flow of 440 GPD with 5 bedrooms and 10 rooms in total. The homeowner explained the attic was divided into two rooms to create an office space. Motion made by Dr. Popik to accept the attic rooms may stay as is with a four bedroom Deed Restriction to be recorded. Seconded by Mr. Simoncini. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Title 5 Inspections – Public Hearing Follow Up & Discussion-**

Board members discussed the August 4<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing and the proposed changes to the septic regulations to include including a bedroom definition and permitting Title 5 inspectors in the Town of Westminister.

Mr. Simoncini made a motion to accept the proposed amendment 245-25 Title 5 Inspectors Permit verbiage with one change from the word state to Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Seconded by Dr. Popik. Motion made by Mr. Simoncini to accept the proposed amendment 245-1 bedroom definition as presented. Seconded by Mr. Redkey. Motion passed. Motion made by Mr. Simoncini to accept the Title 5 Permit form and verbiage stated on backside of permit and to include the amended 245-1 bedroom definitions. Seconded by Mr. Simoncini. Motion passed. The final version of amended septic regulations and the Title 5 Inspectors permit form will be reviewed at the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Health Agents Update:**

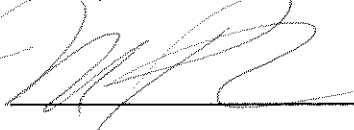
**207 Worcester Road** - Ms. Loree noted an order letter regarding installing portable toilets was sent on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Loree reported that owner has not installed portable toilets to date. Ms. Loree will research portable toilet fines. Ms. Loree was on site with the Department of Environment Protection and took ambient noise meter readings. Based on the noise levels, an order letter was sent requesting noise level to be kept below 10 db. The property owner's attorney responded and requested a hearing for the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The Board made a determination to have Town Council at the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Yankee Conference Attendance** - Board members requested that Ms. Loree contact a local health agent and receive statement in writing that the health agent will be on call and available for an emergency during the two days that Ms. Loree and Ms. Conlin are at the conference.

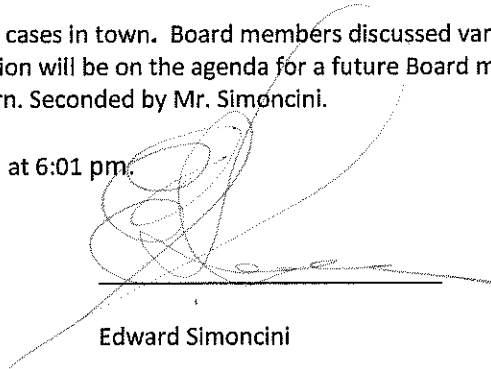
**Odor Complaints** - Ms. Loree reviewed one odor complaint. Ms. Loree walked the site with Paul McNeil, Waste Management. Ms. Loree discussed the ongoing odor complaints that are within a certain geographic area near the landfill.

**Covid Cases** - Currently twenty one cases in town. Board members discussed various studies regarding effectiveness of masks. The discussion will be on the agenda for a future Board meeting. Motion made by Dr. Popik to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Simoncini.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.



Dr. Michael Popik



Edward Simoncini

**Attachments:**

35 North Shore Drive  
16 Battles Road  
31 Newcomb Road and 33 Newcomb Road  
55 West Princeton Road  
Proposed amended septic Regulations  
Title 5 proposed permit application