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BOARD OF HEALTH

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1/4/2023

Members Present: Mr. Ed Simoncini, Chairman, Dr. Michael Popik, Ms. Abigail Conlin, Health Agent, Ms. Stephanie Wiseman, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Mr. Matthew Pearson

Others Present: Mr. Robert Carpenter, Assistant Health Agent, Mr. & Mrs. John Lutz, 148 South Ashburnham Road, Mr. Jerry Powers, 3 Virginia Ave., Chief Kyle Butterfield, Mr. Jay Blausner, Deputy Emergency Management Director.

Call to order

4:30 pm meeting is called to order by Mr. Ed Simoncini, Chair

Sign Minutes

2 sets of meeting minutes- tabled until next meeting (January 18, 2023) in order to have more than one person's suggestions.

Hearings

➤ **7 Lakefield Rd.**

- R. Smith decommissioned dug well at time of town sewer tie-in.
- Application filled out, fee paid, pictures provided by R. Smith

Ms. Abigail Conlin provides details regarding the decommissioned well. Mr. Ed Simoncini questioned whether R. Smith had permission from the state to decommission the well. You must be licensed by the state in order to decommission a well. Mr. Ed Simoncini stated he would be willing to sign the application if R. Smith could provide documentation from the state that they will vary the regulations for the decommissioning of the well. Ms. Abigail Conlin noted that R. Smith thought it posed a safety concern. Dr. Michael Popik is in agreeance with needing documentation from the state before signing the application. Tabled.

➤ **2 Jordan Ln.**

- Requesting relief from testing requirement of manganese on a new well.
- 3 samples taken at this location. Iron was corrected to appropriate levels, Manganese is testing above recommended level of 0.05. Latest result shows level at 0.151

Ms. Abigail Conlin stated that the owner of 2 Jordan Lane was looking for relief from the water requirements of manganese. She has collected 3 samples all of which were above the max contaminant level. Dr. Michael Popik would like to verify that the owner was filtering for manganese, Ms. Abigail Conlin did verify he was filtering. Mr. Ed Simoncini makes a motion to deny the request for a variance to our Water Standards. Dr. Michael Popik seconds the motion. All in favor 2-0. Unanimous - Denied

Well and Septic Regulations

- Vote whether to move forward with updating regulations
- Set date for public hearing
- Verify public comment details

Ms. Abigail Conlin would like a formal motion to change the date. In order to have the date work for the office, we would like to move it to the first week of February. Dr. Michael Popik suggests that we should move it to the 2nd week of February. Dr. Popik makes a motion to change the date for the well regulation to February 8th at 4:30 pm, Mr. Ed Simoncini seconds the motion. All in favor 2-0 Unanimous. Change the date to February 8th at 4:30pm.

➤ **Wachusett Mountain Associates**

- Private well, how often to require sampling- yearly?
- Provided regulations to review.

Ms. Abigail Conlin states the Mr. Matthew Pearson responded to her noting that it is a small registered public water system licensed by the state. Ms. Abigail Conlin will check with the State before moving further with the discussion.

➤ **Fiscal Year 2024 Budget**

- Vote

Dr. Michael Popik asks regarding overages this year? Ms. Abigail Conlin states we only have gone over with other equipment. Mr. Ed Simoncini suggest Ms. Conlin speak with the Town Administrator about funding of a Hydrologist, or an LSP in case one is needed. Mr. Ed Simoncini made a motion to accept the proposed budget with the condition that "other contractual services" may need to be increased significantly. Dr. Michael Popik seconds the motion. All in favor 2-0 Unanimous. Approved

New Business

➤ **Emergency Shelter** – Discuss with Fire Chief Butterfield/BOH Member participation

Fire Chief Kyle Butterfield speaks about the opening of an emergency shelter. If the town opens an emergency shelter the BOH would have to inspect within 24 hours. The emergency team would like some or all of the Board to be a part of the opening team. Both Dr. Michael Popik and Mr. Ed Simoncini state they will be a part of the team given that there is an actual list of tasks that need to be completed, and can be checked off as they are completed. Mr. Ed Simoncini would like to know how many people does it take to complete the tasks required for food inspections. Ms. Abigail Conlin will make a staff listing of who is first in line, 2nd in line...etc

➤ **New England Sheets**

- Town water & town sewer- any comments or concerns from Board members?

There were concerns from residents that NE Sheets is polluting the air and is not filtering for contaminants. There was much back and forth between the Board and the resident with concerns. In the end there were no comments or concerns from the board regarding the elevation changes to the plans submitted to the Planning Department..

Well Application, Well Waiver, Flow test document

- Updated the well application and well waiver
- Updated flow test sheet to include static level & stabilization

➤ **Additions in Westminster**

- Section of regulation that determines how big of an addition can be built
- Does this matter if they are planning to upgrade septic

Other Business

➤ **PFAS updates**

The Board would like to find out if there have been any updates to the PFAS study area. Ms. Abigail Conlin will contact Mr. Lessard for updates.

➤ **Unipay and revisit fee schedule**

Mr. Simoncini stated he had not had the time to review the spreadsheet. Table to next meeting, January 18, 2023

➤ **Short Term Rentals- updates from Town Counsel/Town Administrator**

Ms. Abigail Conlin states that the Town Administrator contacted Town Counsel in regards to Short Term rentals, and they suggest that they work on regulations, and the town by-laws.

Board Concerns

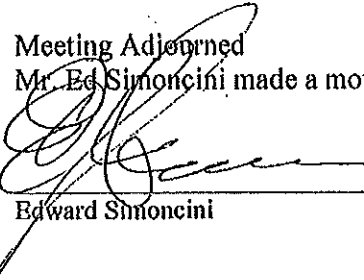
The Board had no concerns.

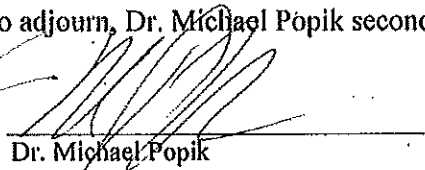
Health Agent and Agent Updates

Mr. Robert Carpenter had no updates or concerns nor did Ms. Stephanie Wiseman.

Meeting Adjourned

Mr. Ed Simoncini made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Michael Popik seconded the motion. 2-0 Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm


Edward Simoncini


Dr. Michael Popik


Matthew Pearson