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BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes for September 1, 2021
Board of Health Meeting, Room 205, 4:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Board of Health members Dr. Michael Popik, Chairman; Mr. Ed Simoncini, Ms. Ann Loree, Health Agent, Elizabeth Penney, Administrative Assistant, Alex Weisheit, KP Law, Paul Collette, George Lipowczan, Michele Munger, John Wolkovich, Shaun Collette, JoAnne Curtin, Scott Simpson

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

New Business:

207 Worcester Road – Mr. George Lipowczan - Two orders letter were sent. The first order letter is to address Ms. Curtin's numerous complaints from abutters regarding noise levels coming from the construction site. Ms. Loree has been on site with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management to measure noise levels. Ms. Loree provided Mr. Lipowczan with the Division of Air Quality Control Policy regarding noises louder than 10 decibels (Db) above ambient is considered to be in violation of 310 CMR 7.10. Mr. Simoncini noted there is currently no violation, however, if noise does exceed the 10 decibels above ambient, then there will be a violation.

The second letter was sent to address Chapter 243 Westminister Local Regulations regarding portable toilets to be on site. Mr. Lipowczan said portable toilets are currently on site and a permit application will be sent to Board of Health.

Mr. Simoncini made a motion to enforce the letter that Mr. Lipowczan must keep the decibel level at the property lines below 10 decibels above ambient noise. Seconded by Dr. Popik. Motion passed.

62 East Gardner Road Bedroom Count – Michele Munger - Upon Title 5 Inspection, room count was 11 rooms and 5 bedrooms on 440 GPD system (4 bedroom system). Ms. Munger said she is going to replace the system. Mr. Simoncini noted that the engineer must design the septic system as a 5 bedroom system and the 2-year period for the replacement of the system has started. Copy of meeting minutes will be placed in file for time reference.

5 Beech Hill Road – Paul Collette and Shaun Collette – During the Certificate of Compliance inspection for a repair room count was found to be 11 rooms and 4 bedrooms on a 330 GPD system. During this inspection Ms. Loree spoke to the home owner and explained the issue with room count not in compliance with Title 5. The current owner is selling the house. The new homeowner will be renovating the home and creating one great room. Dr. Popik made a motion to accept sign off of the Certificate of Compliance with condition that a three bedroom Deed Restriction be recorded. Seconded by Mr. Simoncini. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Site Assignment Progress - The Waste Management Site Assignment public hearing will be held on Monday, September 20 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Meetinghouse School. Per DESE requirements, all attendees will be required to wear masks. Ms. Loree reviewed the statement regarding individuals attending the hearing remotely. Ms. Loree will confirm the logistical plan for the remote access and that Waste Management personnel and Moderator will be attending the hearing in person. Ms. Loree informed the Board that the Board of Health must secure a peer reviewer to evaluate the Site Assignment. Ms. Loree is working on finding a peer reviewer and will inquire with Waste Management regarding payment terms and if the reviewer is required to attend the public hearing. Mr. Simoncini will continue to gather information regarding questions he has pertaining to the expansion

area as well as odor complaints and will bring up at the hearing. Ms. Loree will also present the odor issues as part of her testimony.

Title 5 Inspections –

Discussion - Mr. Simoncini suggested to have a requirement for a bedroom deed restriction for every new and replacement system to be approved. Board members discussed various ideas to provide information and educate homeowners on the Title 5 process and requirements.

Dr. Popik made a motion to approve the Title 5 Inspector permit application as edited. Seconded by Mr. Simoncini. Motion passed. Mr. Simoncini made a motion to approve the amended Regulations for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems 245-1 Definitions and 245-25 Title 5 Inspectors Permit. Seconded by Dr. Popik. Motion passed.

Health Agents Update:

Temporary Food Permit Application – Dr. Popik approved the updates to application to include Assistant Health Agent email and all paperwork due 30 days prior to event. Seconded by Mr. Simoncini. Motion passed.

Vaccine Refrigerator – A new refrigerator will arrive within 30 days. Flu vaccine will be stored at Gardner Board of Health during interim.

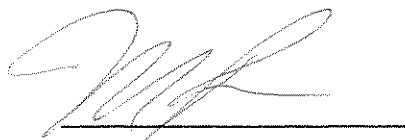
COVID Vaccine Booster Clinic – Ms. Loree is researching feasibility of hosting a booster clinic.

A.E.D. Training – A training for Town Hall employees to be held in October at the Fire Department.

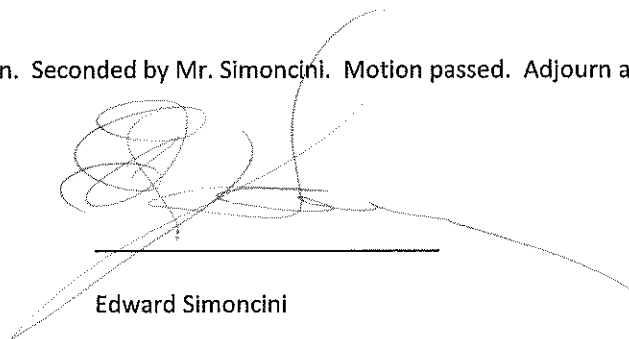
COVID – Currently 31 cases in town. The Board made a determination to include an announcement on the electronic board stating the CDC is recommending use of masks inside public buildings.

Ms. Loree and Ms. Conlin will be out of office to attend an in person conference. Health Agent Phil Leger will be on call for any emergency situation.

Motion made by Dr. Popik to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Simoncini. Motion passed. Adjourn at 7:07 p.m.



Dr. Michael Popik



Edward Simoncini

Attachments:

207 Worcester Road Letters

190 Davis Road

62 East Gardner Road

5 Beech Hill Road

Site Assignment Public Hearing Notice & Pre-Hearing Order

Title 5 Permit