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BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES FOR
MARCH 2, 2022

Present: Dr. Popik, Chair; Ed Simoncini, Ann Loree, Liz Penney, Chris Stoddard, Chris Mossman, Marty Lawless, Brian Milisci

Call to Order at 4:30pm. Recording, no one else recording.

Sign Minutes, minutes were not reviewed, not signed.

81 Shady Avenue- Chris Stoddard explains he is requesting a sieve analysis due to one perc test being too saturated to perc. Other perc test yielded 13mpi. Sized system for .33 Loading rated. Sized system for the Sandy Loam sieve analysis. Everything else is fully compliant, so the only request is to utilize the sieve analysis.

Everything in same area, rate match up, consistency is there. Dr. Popik makes a motion to approve the upgrade for use of sieve analysis. Ed Seconded, all in favor 2:0.

3 South Road – Chris Mossman explains the plan as presented. Chris explains he showed 50 and 100ft radius of wells. Owners want to rebuild on top of foundation. They are trying to get septic system and well installed.

Proposing tight tank installation, showing a proposed future system, and requested a setback to foundation wall.

Chris Mossman then proposed the requested well waivers. Need a waiver to roadway setback, and a setback to future disposal system.

Hearing not to approve future septic system, the owners would come back in the future to do this when ready. Mr. Ed Simoncini states they wouldn't entertain the well setback to future septic system, as Title 5 could change by then.

Ed makes a motion to approve the following waivers: Tight Tank Installation, setback to foundation at 7 ft. opposed to required 10ft, with the conditions of the lot lines being staked prior to construction, a one bedroom deed restriction to be filed, and the tight tank deed restriction to be filed. Dr. Mike Popik seconds the motion. Motion passes 2:0.

Mr. Ed Simoncini makes a motion to approve the well application with the variance of the roadway setback from the required 25ft. to 2 ft., with the condition of a boulder wall being installed and the installation of well head protection. Dr. Mike Popik seconds, the motion passes 2:0.

46 Laurelwood Drive – Mr. Marty Lawless, owner of property, recently replaced septic, now upgrading the well. The well is 14ft. off of wetland, and the owners are requesting a variance to install the well in this location. Staked location is accurate based on plan. Mr. Ed Simoncini makes a motion to accept the variance and well, Dr. Mike Popik seconds the motion. Motion passes 2:0.

Lot B 13A White Pine Drive – Brian Milisci

Mr. Ed Simoncini states that they need to reschedule the hearing, as the applicants could not make it to the meeting. Mr. Mike Ferris in audience asks for notice in future if topic to be discussed gets moved.



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Mask Advisory Status – Ann discusses data on COVID results. Some reporting issues with PCR tests being the only accepted way to confirm COVID positive. At home tests are not reported to doctors. Ms. Ann Loree discusses her concerns with the data results due to this way of confirming positive result. There is back and forth on this topic regarding masks and data reporting. Discussion on ending mask advisory, as State and School systems stopped. Dr. Michael Popik makes a motion to end the mask advisory, Mr. Ed Simoncini seconds the motion, the motion passes 2:0.

Board Concerns

Mr. Ed Simoncini discusses wanting to have our septic and well regulations on a future Agenda. Would like to review based on recent events and past hearings. Would like to hold working groups to review. More discussion on office steps and processes.

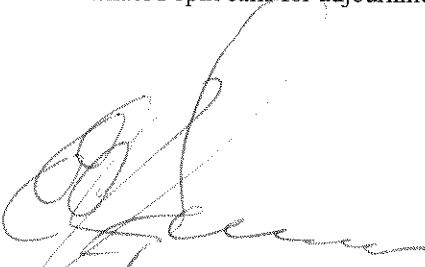
Health Agents Update

Mobile clinic will not be happening at Mount Wachusett due to negative emails received.

DEP took PFAS samples from Bean Porridge Hill Rd. area. Sent emails from DEP and data to the Board over the last few weeks. Ms. Loree discusses how DEP was notified by a homeowner regarding the PFAS. 20 mg/l is the limit. Testing 5 other homes after 1st home with high PFAS results. Discussion on potential pollutants in that area that may have caused elevated levels. Discussion on who is responsible for investigating the issue.

Well was signed off on in 2019 that was too close to the wetland, this lot will need to come back before the Board to request a variance. Some issues in property files in Woods of Westminster development. If there is any issues that arise, the Board will address these as they are discovered. Do not want to penalize the current homeowner unless they are causing issues. Discussion continues on development and public records requests relating to White Pine Drive.

Dr. Michael Popik calls for adjournment, Mr. Ed Simoncini seconds, all in favor. Meeting adjourns at 5:32pm.


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