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Minutes for August 4, 2021
Board of Health Meeting, Room 205, 4:30 pm

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 Paul Bilodeau, Cindy Vincent, Jamie Rheault, Brian Milisci, Brenda Brewer, Jo Ann Curtin, Jill Normandin

New Business:

30 Lakewood Park – Mr. Brian Milisci presented a revised septic plan and variances noting the septic plan was changed as existing house will remain. Mr. Milisci also presented a variance for the proposed well.

Mr. Simoncini inquired about the point well location. Mr. Simoncini explained that a well permit application has not been applied for and there will be variances on the proposed well. Mr. Simoncini explained the well permit application with requested variances will be reviewed by the Agent and the Board first and then the Board will review the septic plan and requested variances. Mr. Simoncini also requested the Mr. Milisci present plans for finding and abandoning the existing the well. Mr. Milisci noted that his intent was to start with the Board of Health first as he is aware Conservation Commission will also review.

Motion made by Dr. Popik for a continuance of the hearing at 30 Lakewood Park to a later meeting depending on when the well permit application and variances on the well are submitted to the Board of Health agent. Seconded by Mr. Redkey. Motion passed.

5:00 pm – Dr. Popik opened the Public Hearing - Discuss changes to local Regulations for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems, Chapter 245, including a bedroom definition, and permitting Title 5 Inspectors.

Dr. Popik reviewed the proposed permitting procedure for Title 5 Inspectors. Inspectors will apply for an annual permit. The permitting process is being proposed to validate that all functions of Title 5 Inspections are being performed. The permit notes if an inspector is in violation of the permit terms and conditions, wholly or in part, the inspector may be subject to having permit revoked.

Jamie Rheault, Whitman and Bingham, provided feedback regarding inspections, witnessing and bedroom count discussion.

5:20 pm - Dr. Popik closed the Public Hearing

73 Shady Avenue – Mr. Paul Bilodeau – Ms. Loree reviewed complaints received regarding a trailer being inhabited and black and gray water coming from the trailer located across the street from 73 Shady Avenue. Ms. Loree observed a structure being built on the property. Mr. Bilodeau stated he is building a storage shed that is less than 200 square feet. Mr. Bilodeau said he is not living in the trailer.

The trailer is used for recreational purposes. Mr. Bilodeau said the wastewater has a holding tank and his properly disposes of wastewater at a campsite. Mr. Bilodeau noted that he previously lived at 73 Shady Avenue. Dr. Popik made a motion to ask the Westminster Police Department to do periodic checks on property and report on activity. Second by Mr. Redkey. Motion passed.

207 Worcester Road - Ms. JoAnn Curtin - Ms. Loree reviewed ongoing noise issues at the wood chipping site. Ms. Curtin, an abutter to the property has sent several complaints and videos regarding the noise and activity at the site that occurs in the evening and on weekends. Ms. Loree has visited the site several times, however, has not been onsite during times when machinery is in use. The site also lacks a Portable Toilet. Ms. Loree has issued an order letter to the property owner to obtain a portable toilet permit from the Board of Health. Ms. Loree Dr. Popik explained that there is a strict definition of noise measurement criteria. Ms. Loree will contact Michelle Delmar, DEP to assist with measuring the decibel level. Ms. Loree will consult with Ms. Delmar prior to writing the order letter addressing the noise level.

Old Business:

Waste Management Site Assignment Public Hearing Process - John Shea, Mackie, Shea, Durning, P.C. submitted an engagement letter to serve as the Hearing Officer for the Site Assignment Public Hearing. Dr. Popik made a motion to have the engagement letter reviewed by Town Counsel prior to Dr. Popik signing the letter. Seconded by Mr. Redkey. Motion passed.

Health Agent Update:

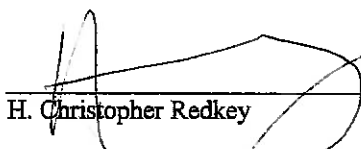
Covid Update and Masks Recommendation – Ms. Loree reviewed the Covid case count in Provincetown. Board members discussed the Delta variant and recent studies regarding transmission amongst asymptomatic vaccinated individuals.

Per request from Ashburnham Westminster Superintendent for mask guidance for upcoming school year, Dr. Popik made a recommendation for the Ashburnham Westminster School District to require students and staff to wear masks. Mr. Simoncini agreed with the recommendation. Mr. Redkey disagreed with the recommendation.

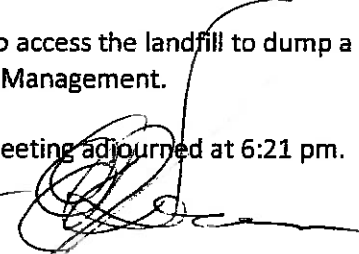
Ms. Loree received an inquiry from a monastery in Marlboro inquiring to access the landfill to dump a dumpster. Ms. Loree will forward the letter to Mr. Tom Murray, Waste Management.

Motion made by Mr. Simoncini to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Redkey. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Dr. Michael Popik



H. Christopher Redkey



Edward Simoncini

Attachments:

30 Lakewood Park documents
73 Shady Avenue order letter
Site Assignment Hearing Officer Engagement Letter
Public Hearing documents