

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Date of Meeting: July 6, 2022
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRWOMAN

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Amy Wiegandt, M.D., Chairwoman
Lawrence Perry, Member
Catherine Phinney, R.N., Member
Jean Connaughton, Associate Member

Also Present: Patrick MacDonald, Director
Samantha Monast, Department Assistant
Elias Estevez, Health Inspector
Brian Grady, G.A.F Engineering

Not Present: Kathleen Waldron, Associate Member

3. Variance- 44 Agawam Beach Road-G.A.F Engineering-Brian Grady

Mr. Grady starts off by saying how this plan is for an upgrade to a sewage disposal system at 44 Agawam Beach Road, it is a sensitive site which is why they need multiple variances approved in order to replace the existing failed cesspool. He then goes on to list the variances requested which are written on the plan.

Dr. Wiegandt asks Mr. Grady is this is a year-round property or not.

Mr. Grady replies with the current owner goes to Florida for a couple months each year but it can be year-round as well.

Mr. Albertelli joins in and states that he lives at 15 Northport Drive, his back yard borders 44 Agawam Beach Road. He asks how high the retaining wall will be and if the project will be going on during the summer.

Mr. Grady confirms that the wall will be about 3-3.5 feet above the existing grade. He also states that by the time everything is approved to start the project it will probably be late August.

Mr. Perry asks Mr. Grady if there was another system that could be used to make the footprint smaller so there would be maximum setback or could the over-dig be shrunk down.

Mr. Grady states he has used 50% reduction and gravel less chambers which have the smallest footprints. He could go down to 1 foot to make the box smaller but he does not want to make the footprint too small considering it is a house on the water with guests often.

Mr. Perry does not fully agree that this plan is using maximum feasible compliance but Dr. Wiegandt agrees that it is a beach house with multiple guests. Dr. Wiegandt states how these types of upgrades are a good thing for the water quality of the community. She then states how it seems like a reasonable plan with not many other options.

MOTION: Dr. Wiegandt motioned to approve the variance requested with the stipulation that there is a deed restriction of 2 bedrooms to be put on the stamped as requested.

VOTE: 4-0 (Unanimous)

4. Water Quality Discussion

Discussion ensued and changes were made.

5. HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT

Patrick MacDonald read the Agent's report into the record, a copy of which is attached.

6. COVID-19/MONKEY POX UPDATE

Dr. Wiegandt stated that there is still a lot of covid out there but the numbers are inaccurate because more than 50% of people are taking home tests which are not being documented.

Dr. Wiegandt then goes on to talk about how there is now a vaccine for monkey pox that those at high risk of being exposed should get. More information on this matter will be added to the town website.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

8. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

No approval of meeting minutes.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Phinney moved to adjourn at 6:00pm. Mr. Perry seconded.

VOTE: 4-0 (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted

Samantha Monast

Department Assistant

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Board of Health on:

Attest: *Catherine Phinney*

Date Signed: 9/21/2022