

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: REMOTE

PRESENT:

Chairperson Margie LaFleur, Member Stephen Themelis, Member Renee D'Argento, Health Agent Kalene Gendron, Assistant Laurie Lessard

Chairperson LaFleur opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. She announced that the meeting was remote participation only; meeting is being cablecast live and recorded by Pepperell Community Media.

HEALTH AGENT COMMENTS

COVID UPDATES

Health Agent Gendron stated that there was nothing more to add since the last meeting.

Kits are being purchased. Town has purchased a small amount and kits are being sent home from schools. Insurance companies will reimburse amount of kits to anyone who purchases them.

MHOA or MAHB membership. One of these should be renewed. Normally the town would only have membership to MHOA due to the funding. Board discussed and Health Agent Gendron will provide more information on both and then they will revisit this by comparing memberships and the cost to join each.

ACTION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION

a. 36 Park Street – Applicant Seeking Waiver From Town Sewer

Mary and John Thomas, owner of 36 Park Street were present for this discussion. Health Agent Gendron updated the Board on this request, stating that a Title V was done and it had failed. The owners contacted the Sewer Dept. because they were contemplating connecting to Town Water. They got estimates on upgrading the system. John Thomas said that the quote he received from Walsh Bothers was \$25,000 to replace the leach field. The quote he received from the Sewer Dept. was \$50,000 and he couldn't tie in until after April 15th. There are wetlands that surround the property. There is an easement on the property that is right up against the wetlands. There will be soil samples taken. Health Agent Gendron stated that there was a Title V done for the sale of the home and the reserve can be utilized. Themelis asked the applicant which way they wanted to go and they said the least cost effective is to replace the leach field.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Themelis to upgrade the leach field section if reasonable, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved.

b. 59 Nashua Road – Applicant Seeking Permit Modification

Jean Doherty the owner of the property was in attendance for this discussion. Health Agent Gendron began by stating that this is commercial property that was built in the 60's and was a hair salon. It is a 2 or 3 bedroom dwelling. A Title V was conducted and the system passed the inspection. The applicant would like to maintain the current system. Gendron said there is a 1968 septic proposal so this must be revisited. The Board asked her if she is near town sewer and Doherty said it is in Lomar Park and it would be costly to connect. At first she was going to keep the Beauty Salon which is currently there in the front and build in the back. Doherty now says she will be closing the salon and just building the 3 bedroom house. D'Argento said she would like to see upgrade and put a condition on it. D'Argento also said that the permit could be amended with conditions and wanted to know if system was pumped as part of Title V and Gendron said it was.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Themelis to amend the permit of 1968 and limit it to a 3 bedroom home, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved.

c. 192 Brookline Street – Special Permit To Allow An Accessory Apartment

Health Agent Gendron said that this Special Permit speaks for itself. The septic is in compliance for an accessory apartment and there is municipal water. No motion needed.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Tighe & Bond Invoice – Landfill

A Motion was made by Themelis to approve the funds for this invoice of \$5,904.00, Seconded by A'Argento, Motion Moved.

SCHEDULING MEETING DATES

The Board agreed to schedule the meetings to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's of the month.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by D'Argento to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Themelis, Motion Moved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.