

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2022 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: REMOTE

PRESENT:

Chairperson Margie LaFleur, Member Stephen Themelis, Member Renee D'Argento, Health Agent Kalene Gendron, BOH 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.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Chairperson LaFleur presented the meeting minutes of April 5, 2022.

A Motion was made by D'Argento to accept the meeting minutes of April 5, 2022, Seconded by Themelis, Motion Moved.

ACTION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION

1 Lyric Lane – Approval is requested from the Pepperell Board of Health to allow a reduction in the requisite groundwater offset from 5 feet to 3 feet with use of the Presby Environ-Septic wastewater treatment system.

The Engineer was not present for this discussion. The applicant is seeking request from 5 to 3 feet using the Presby System. The Board was considering the sensitive site constraints because it is surrounded by wetlands that the impact of the effluent to breakdown in the leaching bed. The soils are sandy which will allow for a faster permeability.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Themelis to approve a reduction in the requisite groundwater offset from 5 to 3 feet with the use of the Presby Environ-Septic wastewater treatment system, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved.

Update on Tobacco

Chairperson LaFleur told the Board that she has not heard from Joan Hamlett regarding the Tobacco discussion. The last she heard was that Hamlett was waiting to hear on the RFP's. The Assistant to the Board emailed her regarding meeting with the Board to answer questions they still had but has not had a response as of yet. She will reach out again.

HEALTH AGENT COMMENTS

Health Agent Gendron told the Board that she had signed up for emails from the State regarding the mosquitos but has heard nothing yet.

There is an uptick with Covid but there are no clusters. The schools have had an increase but nothing to panic about yet.

Animal Inspector Forbes is keeping an eye on the Avian (Bird) Flu. It has been detected in Massachusetts and Forbes is monitoring.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson LaFleur spoke of the Textile Bins and said she had met with the Town Administrator. LaFleur recommended reaching out to the Non Profit areas in town to see if bins could be placed there. There are already bins at the Transfer Station. After discussion, the Board felt that LaFleur speak to the Town Administrator and request a meeting with the Select Board on behalf of the Board of Health.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by D'Argento to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Themelis, Motion Moved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.