

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2022 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: REMOTE

PRESENT:

Chairperson Renee D'Argento, Member Stephen Themelis, Member Margie LaFleur, BOH Assistant Laurie Lessard

ABSENT: Health Inspector, Kalene Gendron

Chairperson D'Argento 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 D'Argento presented the meeting minutes of May 17, 2022.

A Motion was made by Themelis to accept the meeting minutes of May 17, 2022, Seconded by LaFleur, Motion Moved.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – 36 MT. LEBANON STREET

a. Request for an Extension

At the request of the tenant an inspection was conducted and an enforcement order was issued. There have been delays with the repair schedule but the Landlord has made substantial efforts and has corrected what is deemed critical. The date for completion of the repairs was June 12, 2022 therefore the applicant is seeking an extension to conduct the repairs, then the house can be sold. The Board had questions which were answered. They would like a site visit by the Board and/or the Health Inspector between August 8th and August 16th.

After discussion, A Motion was made by LaFleur to continue this Public Hearing until August 16, 2022, Second by Themelis, Motion Moved.

ACTION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION

b. Emily Piper- Maker Farm-Request for Recreational Camp Sanitation – Port-O-Poties

Piper said that she would like the port-a potties for the camp because her septic will not be installed until September. She said they went this way last year and it worked out fine. Gendron the Health Agent said in prior comments recommend to Board to approve request as the septic plans are still under review. A denial may provide an unnecessary hardship to applicant'; port-o-potties would provide temporary relief.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Themelis to grant this variance, Seconded by LaFleur, Motion Moved.

c. 4 Sirius Lane – aka 1 Reed Street – Richard Egan – Applicant is seeking to modify septic permit

The applicant is seeking to modify an existing septic permit from 3 to 4 bedrooms. At the last meeting, the Board agreed to a room count if a wall was removed and then the room count would be 9 which would give them 4 bedrooms which would meet the requirement. It must be recognized the uniqueness of his request as the applicant is seeking a permit modification and increase of total rooms. The applicant presented at Board's request: 1) Title 5 report, 2) Total room count and 3) Letter from Engineer validating capacity of system. The Health Agent provided prior comments of the age of the system, use of system in excess of design and consider a deed restriction.

A Motion was made by LaFleur to modify the permit from 3 to 4 bedrooms at 1 Reed Street with a deed restriction to 4 bedrooms, Seconded by Themelis, Motion Moved.

d. Approval of NABH FY22 Third Quarter Services – Nursing and Environmental Services

A MOTION was made by LaFleur to approve NABH FY Third Quarter Services of Nursing \$4,148.43 and Environmental for \$9,051.12, Seconded by Themelis, Motion Moved.

HEALTH AGENT COMMENTS

a. Covid Updates

The trend is downward, more in align with the State percent positive, approximately 5%. Pepperell is in receipt of approximately 2000 Covid at home kits. The Board discussed this and decided that they should be distributed from the Library, Senior Center and Town Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Municipal Mosquito Spraying Opt Out Plan

There was no approval for Municipalities opting out of spraying. The Board discussed reaching out to other Boards and asking them to read the letter at their meetings that was sent to the Board of Health. The Board also mentioned using the LED signs to put a news flash out to the residents of Pepperell regarding the spraying of mosquitos. The Agent recommended to focus on education and outreach.

MATTERS THAT MAY BE RAISED THAT THE CHAIRPERSON DID NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATE

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Themelis to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by LaFleur, Motion Moved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.