



Town of Boxford

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

October 20, 2021

NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE - REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

6:30PM

Virtual Participation Only

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ZOOM Meeting

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Present: Richard Taylor, Richard Fahrner, Alex Constan, Kendell Longo, Rhonda Hodge, Lance Cluster, Kristin Kwiatek, James Scanlan, Daniel Johnson, Mark O'Hara, Frank Marshall, Mary Ellen Autiello, Drew Barraford, Scott Cameron, Kevin Bisson, Ted Merchant, Joel Frisch

Absent: Heather Forand

Meeting Opened at 6:30 by D. Taylor

Roll call indicated that the following members of the Board of Health were present remotely: D. Taylor, R. Fahrner, A. Constan, H. Forand

Announcements

Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday October 23, 2021 at Masconomet High School from 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.

There will be a Flu Clinic at the Council on Aging run by the VNA on Wednesday October 27, 2021 from 8:00am-12:00pm

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed from the September 29, 2021 meeting. A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** to accept the minutes, **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Bills

A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** to accept the bill for \$1650.00 from September 06, 2021 for the VNA **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

D. Taylor reviewed with the Board the October bills payable totaling \$64,541.00. A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** to accept the total bills of \$64,541.00 **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously** with a roll call vote.

Variance 15 King Richard Drive

D. Taylor stated that both **R. Fahrner** and **A. Constan** had raised some points again about the distance of the leaching field to the neighbor's house. **R. Fahrner** stated that he was trying to minimize the impact on the neighbor's property and it resulted in a variance to the homeowner's property to its own well. The main purpose was to minimize the future impact on the neighbor's placement of the well. **A. Constan** had the same concern in which he wanted to see it maximize the distance from the abutter's well more rather than from the owner's well. After further discussion **D. Taylor** said that the Board is not looking for new variances.

Variance 5 Great Pond Drive

Dan Johnson of Domestic Septic Design was present to request a variance for 5 Great Pond Drive.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9D. No leaching facility in those cases where the percolation rate is less than five (5) minutes per inch shall be installed within 150 feet of a well used as a potable water supply. Specifically, the Board of Health voted that the leaching facility shall be located no less than 100 feet from the well serving the property.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 201-9E. No leaching facility in those cases where the percolation rate is less than five (5) minutes per inch shall be installed within 150 feet of a wetland

resource area. Specifically, the Board of Health voted that the leaching facility shall be located no less than 100 feet from the wetland resource area.

A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** to accept the requested variance for 5 Great Pond Road to permit a variance of 100 feet to the owners well where 150 feet is required and 100 feet to the wetlands where 150 feet is required. Given it is the best solution for the circumstances and it is contingent upon Cons Com delineation of the wetlands and the use of a Nitrogen reduction system **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

24A Lily Pond Road

Jim Scanlan of Scanlan Engineering was present to request variances for 24A Lily Pond Road.

310 CMR 15.211(1)- Requires 400 feet separation between Septic Tank/Pump Chamber and Reservoir (Chadwick Pond- Emergency Use Source) Provided is 245 feet (min) to tanks.

310CMR15.211(1)- Requires 400 feet separation between SAS and Reservoir (Chadwick Pond) Provided:265 feet to SAS

A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** that the prohibition for 24A Lily Pond Road and a deed restriction of a garbage grinder be assessed due to the proximity of the septic system to a public drinking water supply **seconded** by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

Stiles Pond Update

R. Fahrner gave an overview on the meeting he attended. The purpose of the EPA's program was to gather region wide data on potential toxic algae blooms in the state because they are becoming more frequent. A testing kit for algae was put together which is sold to individuals or towns. A fluorometer is also used to detect different types of algal toxins. **R. Fahrner** stated that he is trying to find someone to do routine testing to provide results within days. **D. Taylor** said they need a lab that does real time testing that gives counts and that they need keep looking for a company. Resident Mary Ellen Auteillo commented on the discussion and thanked the Board.

Discussion Hydrogeological Report- The Morin- Cameron Group

Scott Cameron from The Morin-Cameron Group was present for the discussion on the hydrogeological report for The Willows project A timeline was given on the approvals from other Boards. Northeast Geo Science Inc. was the company that completed the evaluation on the soil and groundwater conditions in the vicinity of the leaching areas. A brief overview was given to the Board with a detailed explanation of the map that was displayed for the Board. Joel Frisch from NGI spoke to the Board about the aquifers. **A. Constan** commented on the wells and the irrigation wells. It was stated that the report was intended to make sure that water supply is not being impacted by the waste water discharge from the development. All of the information from

the survey will be included in the technical plans that will be submitted. Joel Frisch also made a series of recommendations for long term with permanent monitoring wells. **A. Constan** commented on the abutter's properties in proximity to the leaching fields and wells and the flow direction of the groundwater and asked if there are enough monitoring wells for the superficial flow. **D. Taylor** stated that the regulation was written to account for the fact that any kind of failure would be caught very fast and upfront. The technical package will be submitted and the Board will determine if they want a third-party review. Joel Frisch spoke to the Board about the public water supply stress test pump out process that is part of the DEP review process. Two abutters took part in the pumping test that showed no impact on their wells.

COVID/Director's Report

D. Taylor gave an update on COVID numbers. Boxford and Topsfield are steadying out still high but reaching a plateau where as Middleton and Georgetown are staying high and increasing in numbers. **K. Longo** stated that there was one positive at both Spofford and Cole School in the last couple of days. **K. Longo** asked the Board to consider lifting the mask mandate. The Board to revisit at the next meeting. **K. Longo** stated that mosquito testing concluded as of October 01. **K. Longo** stated that the Tri Town was given a grant for the public excellence award and asked the Board for ideas on wellness programs. **D. Taylor** gave an example of having a class on balance for Seniors. **R. Hodge** stated that working in Psychiatry there is currently a huge mental health crisis in Massachusetts and New Hampshire due to the Pandemic. **R. Fahrner** said mental health in Massachusetts is a huge challenge with limited services. **K. Longo** asked the Board to email her with suggestions.

Other Business

D. Taylor informed the Board that National Grid is going in front of the Selectman for Pole hearings and confirmed with **K. Longo** that the Pole regulation was followed. **D. Taylor** said that he would like to revisit the regulation at a future meeting.

Adjourn 8:30m

With no further business, on a motion made by **A. Constan** seconded by **R. Fahrner**, the Board of Health voted **unanimously** with a roll call vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek
Minutes Secretary

