



**Town of Boxford
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health**

October 24, 2022

Present: Richard Taylor, Alex Constan, Richard Fahrner, Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek
Absent: Heather Forand, Rhonda Hodge

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by D. Taylor

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the September 28, 2022 meeting. **Motion** by A. Constan to accept minutes as amended, **seconded** by R. Fahrner. Approved **unanimously**.

Bills: Bills were signed.

8 Endicott Street Variance

James Scanlan from Scanlan Engineering was present to request a variance for 8 Endicott Road. The Board of Health voted at their meeting on October 24, 2022 to grant the following requested variance to the Individual Sewage Disposal System Plan for 8 Endicott Road, dated 10/14/22 and submitted to this office on 10/17/22.

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 leach facility shall be located no less than 108 feet from a wetland resource area. A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** to allow the SAS to be placed not less than 108 feet from the wetlands where 150 feet is required based upon the system as designed is an improvement over the existing system and as designed the system is the best solution given the physical restrictions of the property, **Seconded** by **A. Constan** Approved **unanimously**.

5A Endicott Road Variance

Jon Whyman was present to request a variance for 5A Endicott Road.

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 leach facility shall be located no less than 133 a wetland resource area. A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** to **allow** the SAS to be placed not less than 133 feet from the wetlands where 150 feet is required based upon the system as designed is an approvement over the existing system and as designed the system is the best solution given the physical restrictions of the property, **Seconded** by **A. Constan** Approved **unanimously**.

48 Main Street Variance

Kendell Longo on behalf of Bob Grasso from Engineering Land Services requested a variance for 48 Main Street.

Boxford Board of Health Regulation 2-94, Section 3E. 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 leach facility shall be located no less than 126 a wetland resource area.

310CMR15.221(7) &15.405(B) Septic leach area to be 48 inches rather than 36 inches required below finish grade to achieve a gravity system. A **motion** was made by **R. Fahrner** to allow the SAS to be placed no less than 126 feet from the wetlands where 150 feet is required in addition to permit the septic leach area to be installed no more than 36 inches below finish grade to 48 inches below finish grade the system as designed is an approvement over the existing system and as designed the system is the best solution given the physical restrictions of the property, **Seconded** by **A. Constan** Approved **unanimously**.

357 Ipswich Road

Charles Killam of 357 Ipswich Road had asked the board at a prior meeting to deem his lot, map 14 block 2 lot 41 unbuildable based on the regulations. The board had asked Charles Killam to provide them with a letter from an engineer stating and showing why it is unbuildable. William Manuell from Wetlands & Land Management, Inc. sent a letter dated October 11, 2022 stating it was unbuildable. The board approved to have **D. Taylor** write a memo to the Assessor's office stating that Board of Health does not see map 14 block 41 lot 14 as a buildable lot. A **motion** was made by **A. Constan** that the Chair write a letter informing the Assessor of the regulations in place that prohibit construction of a new home at 14 block 14 lot 41, 357 Ipswich Road, **seconded** by **R. Fahrner**. Approved **unanimously**.

Waste Update

A. Constan gave an update to the board and informed them that the trash committee is aware that all recommendations that they have will be presented to the Health Board because they have the final decision. The committee is still entertaining an extension to the contract from

Waste Management. They are also doing an assessment on the Town buying the special barrels that the truck can lift which would ultimately reduce the cost of the bid. D. Taylor stated that if two companies over a five- year contract are a couple hundred to a quarter of a million apart then performance could take a big priority. R. Fahrner suggested sending out a request for proposal to other companies and look for an extension with Waste Management. D. Taylor stated that the board has to make a positive decision by January 2023. The next issue discussed was the Waste Management truck cutting over on the Spofford School property. A mother dropping off her child was very upset and reported the issue. D. Taylor said it was a very dangerous situation and feels if Waste Management drivers see school drop off then they should collect at a different time. D. Taylor will contact the school and A. Constan will contact Waste Management on the issue.

Willows Update

D. Taylor asked K. Longo to provide an update on the construction of the Willows project. K. Longo stated that the irrigation wells have been drilled. K. Longo asked the board if they want other tests done besides Iron. D. Taylor stated by the regulations they are not irrigation wells they are potable water and because of that they need to test what all homeowners are required to test in their water samples. A. Constan confirmed with K. Longo that the septic plans are done. D. Taylor stated the board still needs a standard operational plan before they give their approval and an occupancy permit. The board mentioned the pool house and the letter they received from DEP. K. Longo has signed off on four buildings. the bedding is installed in the field, the tanks are to be installed next week, and the entire system to come together in the next forty- five days.

Director's Report

K. Longo spoke with DEP about the reclassification of the public water supply at the First Church. The church does not have the Boxford Academy in house so they would like to go to from a transient to a non- transient community public water supply which would allow less testing.

K. Longo informed the board she verified that there are no poles with- in 100 feet from any well with regards to the pole petition on Lily Pond Road.

COVID Update

D. Taylor provided the board with current cases by month. All the deviants are coming from Omicron. There is BA4.6 that can get around vaccinations and people who have already had COVID and BA5 which is up to 68% of cases.

Adjourn 8:00pm

The next meeting date to be determined and with no further business there was a **motion** made by A. Constan, seconded by R. Fahrner the Board voted **unanimously** to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek
Minutes Secretary

