

TOWN OF LANCASTER
BOARD OF HEALTH
Lancaster Community Center
January 3, 2018

Present: Stephen Piazza, Chair, Richard Belanger, Clerk and John Farnsworth

Also Present: William Brookings, Agent, Nashoba Board of Health

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

Chairman Piazza commented that the Tobacco Control Officer Joan Hamlett wasn't present yet. The Board skipped the Tobacco Control Alliance section until Ms. Hamlett's arrival.

Discussion, Abandoned Housing Initiative

Chairman Piazza informed the Board there will be a meeting on January 16th at 11 AM at the Fire Station with the State representatives to obtain more information on the Abandoned Housing Initiative. He asked the members if they would like to attend. The members commented they were fine with the Chairman attending and giving a presentation at the next meeting.

Discussion, Jones Crossing, Shared Septic System

William Brookings informed the Board that he visited the sight and they are down for the winter. They have stripped and filled both areas.

Discussion, Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS)

Chairman Piazza stated Jamie Terrie from EDS couldn't make this meeting but will be at the next meeting.

Permits/Title 5 Inspection Reports

22 Ponakin Road – D Box Permit

William Brookings this is based on the Title 5 inspection. The Board signed the permit.

1997 Lunenburg Road – Upgrade Permit

William Brookings commented this is a voluntary upgrade; they don't have a documented failure. They are upgrading to 1,500 gallon tank and a leech bed presby tank. There are three local variances requested.

- 303-9 Maximum Groundwater Elevation-testing outside the March 1 through April 30th.
- 303-11 (C) (3) Sewer line length to leech area greater than 100 feet.
- 303-11 (R) Tank is less than 100 feet from the well and the leech area is less than 150 feet from the well.

The engineer will give a letter about the variances. **A motion was made by Richard Belanger to approve the permit and variances with the specification that Willian Brookings holds the permit until he has all the documentation required. The motion was seconded by John Farnsworth. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

267 South Meadow Road-Upgrade Permit

William Brookings said this is a documented Title 5 failure. The applicant is requesting three variances which are:

- 303-11 (C) (3): No Systems shall have sewage disposal lines more than 100 feet long between the cellar wall and Leaching Area. They provided 116 feet.
- 303-11 (L): Offset between E.S.H.W.T. and bottom of Leaching Facility shall be 5 feet. They provided 3 feet.
- 303-11 (R): Distances: Dwelling with Basement 25 feet. They provided 16 feet.

The applicant is also requesting Title V Local Upgrade Approvals:

- 15.405 (1) (B): Reduction of System setback from a cellar wall.
- 15.405 (1) (H): Reduction of the 4 feet separation to 3 feet.

A motion was made by Richard Belanger to approve the permit. The motion was seconded by John Farnsworth. VOTE: 3-0-0.

The Board discussed the local and state sewer regulations. Chairman Piazza commented the local regulations are beyond the state regulations. The Board will be discussing this further at their next meeting.

Title 5 Inspections

22 Ponakin Road – passed

918 Brockelman Road – passed

2606 North Main Street – passed

503 Hilltop Road – passed

87 Beach Point Road - passed

Tracker Status

The Board discussed the following that are on the issue tracker.

- Citizen complaint – 785 Main Street-tenant complaint not sufficient heat. William Brookings stated Jim Gereffi went there and said the heating system is fine. He turned up the thermostat and it was ok. The status is closed.
- Citizen complaint – Blue Green Algae at Little Spec Pond. The status is closed.
- Citizen complaint – No carbon monoxide detectors and the gas is turned off at 81 Narrow Lane. The action taken was to refer this to the Fire Department.
- Citizen complaint – Recycling Center Hours of operation. The Board commented this is operated by volunteers. The status is closed.

Minutes for Approval

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting.

Richard Belanger made a motion to approve the minutes as written; John Farnsworth seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0.

General Business

Chairman Piazza informed the Board members he was requested as a representative of the Board of Health to go to Kalon Farm to report on a small fire. He noted the smell of smoke but didn't see any film or residue on the counters.

William Brookings said he received a new complaint of someone living in a trailer at Fire Road 8. The Board was informed the Enforcement Officer will be doing a site visit.

The Board reviewed the correspondence folder.

Adjourn

Richard Belanger made a motion to adjourn; John Farnsworth seconded. VOTE: 3-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Dennis
Lancaster Board of Health Office Manager