

1 TOWN OF LANCASTER – BOARD OF HEALTH
2 Meeting Minutes
3 Thursday, 23 February 2023
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5 **Monthly Meeting**
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7 Chairman Paster called the meeting to order.
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9 BOH Meeting recorded and available through internet at Sterling/ Lancaster
10 Community Television (24/7) or Local Cable-3 at posted times.
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12 Members in attendance: Jeff Paster and Denise Hurley, unable to attend - John
13 Farnsworth
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15 ○ Also Attending: Nashoba Agent William Brookings

- 16 ■ Parker Hedwig
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 - 20 ■ Frank Streeter
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22 Chairman Paster opened the meeting.
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25 **Permits**
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27 No permits
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29 **Scheduled Discussion**

- 30 • 679 George Hill Road – Frank McPartland variance request – Feb
31 2023 extension BOH requirement to tie into sewer has expired,
32 Letter to be sent to owner requiring written schedule for
33 completion –Bill Brooking to draft
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40 **Title-5 Inspection Reports**

- 503 White Pond Road Inspection - Pass
- 61 Schumacher Road Inspection - Pass

Discussion

Hearing 103 Cleverly Cove Road – Variance Request

Mr. Helwig states he has copies of certified receipts of notifications sent to abutters. He was informed the BOH must have these returned receipts and they must be sent to Bill Brookings office. Any decision made by the BOH is pending receiving receipts from all abutters.

The BOH received a letter on January 20th from Parker Helwig requesting a variance based on MGL 310 15.00 section 15.410 . The installer withheld the as built plans and failed to respond to BOH requests for discussion and resolution. The BOH issued temporary occupancy permit. The BOH has received plans from the designer that are acceptable. The board has no reason to believe that there are any issues with the septic plans or system as built. Bill Brookings - The Helwig's are seeking sign off for certificate of compliance of the system without the as built plans from the installer by NABH and LBOH, and if provided the Lancaster Building inspector would need sign off on permanent occupancy. Per previous BOH meeting installer is no longer able to do business in Lancaster until the as built plan is submitted to the Town.

Ms. Hurley moved to approve Helwig's request for variance for final certificate of compliance. Motion was carried 2-0. Certificate of Compliance is granted. Bill Brookings will create a letter to the building inspector.

Discussion

- Planning request for: 696 Fort Pond Road: series of documents was received from the planning board to all boards. Mr. Farnsworth had comments. The BOH has no action item until the plan is brought forward to the BOH. Mr. Paster reviewed a document summarizing Mr. Farnsworth's comment,

which was reviewed. Action by BOH: Mr. Farnsworth's comments to be sent to Planning Board.

- Beaver dam complaint by Steve Harper on McGovern Blvd. Mr. Brookings inspected the culvert/dam and determined the obstruction exists but was currently not severe and did not pose an imminent threat to the public water supply. John Toomey was contacted, agreed to clear the culvert, and Mr. Brookings returned found the clearing was satisfactory. Action: Respond to Steve Harper and let him know what actions we have taken.
- Special Town Meeting 1/21/23 communications and report – BOH provided masks, gloves and hand sanitizers. The meeting was well run with no apparent issues.
- Inspection of town landfill 1259 Lunenburg Road per DEP request February 16, 2023 – Mr. Paster, Mr. Brookings and Kevin Bartlett, DPW Superintendent, accompanied three members of DEP on the landfill inspection. There were no significant findings. A test well cap was loose, and an area of surface weeds and vegetative growth had been scraped down to the soil. Mr. Bartlett will handle both issues and Mr. Paster will forward a report to Kate Hodges and Steve Kerrigan.
- COVID-19 Update: Mr. Paster provided report and most recent data. Case rate data has gone down and there are no significant concerns.
- 55 Sylvan Road – Inspection on 1/20/2023 of units 1 and 2 – Complaints from two separate units. The building has three rental units. Mr. Brookings did the inspection with Ms. Hurley and Mr. Paster in attendance, and with knowledge of landlord. Mr. Brookings sent findings and orders to correct to the owner with 30 days to make corrections. The findings sent originally to 55 Sylvan Road but will need be re-sent to the correct Leominster address. National Grid was also notified of the cross-metering issue. National Grid will conduct their own investigation and make changes. This item will be taken off the agenda until we have a response or if owner does not response or take action.
- 8 Carter Street – inspection for rodents and structural concerns, inspection pending. Mr. Brookings: update spoke to tenant, waiting for tenant to respond. This item will be taken off agenda until we hear back from tenant.

- Denitrification seminar report Tuesday, 10-January-2023. Individual from a company that did an excellent presentation. Persons in attendance indicated content was interesting. The BOH thanked Kelly Dolan for providing the space for the program.
- BOH Annual Report 2022; Mr. Paster has drafted an annual report, reviewed and edited by Mr. Farnsworth, Ms. Hurley, and Mr. Brookings. The final report will be sent to the Town at the end of February.
- Mosquito and Tick Seminar held on Feb 21: Tim Deschamps from CMMCP presented a comprehensive program. Of note is their capacity to engage with individuals, the BOH, and the Town to arrange pick up of discarded auto tires. They can spray private property in town. Ms. Hurley will coordinate an event for Earth Day with CMMCP.
- Lunch and Learn series – Housing, Diabetes, and other chronic diseases might be good topics for upcoming Lunch and Learns. Further discussion and prioritization is required and will continue at future BOH meetings.
- Emergency supplies – blanket, cots, water – The BOH believes it has appropriate stock of these types of emergency supplies for EDS events.
- BOH membership - Mr. Farnsworth will, regrettably, be leaving the board. There is one person that has taken out papers at this writing.
- **Next meeting date** - Thursday, 9:30AM, 23 March 2023
 - **Adjourn** - **VOTED** .. Unanimously