

TOWN OF LANCASTER
BOARD OF HEALTH
Prescott Building Nashaway Meeting Room
March 14, 2018

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

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

List of Documents:

- Agenda
- Abandoned Housing Initiative List and Folder
- Sewage System Variance Request Letter-41 Otis Street
- BOH Issue Tracker
- Minutes of February 7, 2018

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

Discussions

9:00 AM 2290 Main Street-Tom Pierson

Present: Tom Pierson, owner

Chairman Piazza said this is to discuss the order to correct. Mr. Tom Pierson said his goal is to pay down and pay off the building in six years. He commented he was informed by the Building Inspector he couldn't make any changes to the property because it doesn't have a septic system. Chairman Piazza commented he should meet with the Interim Building Inspector to discuss the matter.

General Business

The Board reviewed the correspondence folder.

Minutes for Approval

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 7, 2018 meeting.

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

VOTE: 3-0-0.

Permits

- **41 Otis Street**-The Board reviewed the proposed replacement of a failing sewage disposal system and variance requests. Mr. Neil Gorman, David Ross Associates was present on behalf of his clients he requested approval of the following:
 - a) 15.405 (1) (a) Reduction of system location setback to property line from 10 feet to 5 feet and pump chamber tank from 10 feet to 8 feet.
 - b) 15.405 (1) (b) Reduction of system location setback to cellar wall/crawl space from 20 feet to 17 feet and tanks to crawl space from 10 feet to 5 feet.
 - c) 15.405 (1) (h) Reduction of Presby System offset to estimated high groundwater from 4 feet to 2 feet.

- d) 15.405 (1) (i) A sieve analysis may be performed if a percolation test can't be performed.

Board of Health Agent Bill Brooking said he didn't have any concerns. The use of the Presby System is a bonus.

Richard Belanger made a motion to grant all the requested variances for 41 Otis Street, John Farnsworth seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.

Discussion, Abandoned Housing Initiative

Chairman Piazza commented two homeowners on the AHI list have contacted him to request a hearing. They will now be on the TBA list (to be determined).

Discussion, Lancaster Community Kitchen

Chairman Piazza commented a grant was received to fix up the kitchen. The Town will have first use and then other people can use the community kitchen. Richard Belanger questioned liability of the town.

Discussion, Jones Crossing, Shared Septic System

There is no update at this time.

Discussion, State and Local Sewer Regulations

This was passed over and will be placed on the next agenda.

Richard Belanger made a motion to approve John Farnsworth to attend the Title 5 training for the Board of Health, Steve Piazza seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 2-0-1 (John Farnsworth).

Discussion, 168 Mill Street Housing Inspection

Chairman Piazza said he went to the address with the Board of Health Agent Bill Brookings. He said there was no evidence of mold. There was a leak in the skylight. They gave a copy of the inspection to the tenant.

Discussion, Ground Water Season

Health Agent Bill Brookings said there needs to be an in season test time period for groundwater testing. **Richard Belanger made a motion to have March 31, 2018 – April 30, 2018 as the groundwater testing season, John Farnsworth seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

Emergency Dispensing Site-EDS Drill

Chairman Piazza said they went over the EDS site walkthrough at the school. Jamie Terry modified what was originally planned. The town is on track and the next one is in six months.

Tracker Status

The Board discussed the following that are on the issue tracker. These were all previous citizen complaints.

Discussion, Continued Lancaster Community Kitchen

Present: Bridgett Braley, NABH

Ms. Braley said the Community Kitchen is in a town building and the town takes precedence. For food security purposes there has to be a freezer/refrigerator where all the food is stored in separate locked cabinets. There can't be two separate entities working at the same time. There are specific guidelines. She said she needs guidance from the town.

Maria Moreira said the reason she is here is we got the funding to make an existing space a viable community kitchen. She said they received a \$125,000 grant. The funder is giving the funds to World Farmers. World Farmers would have to be the primary user to get the grant. The town would be the secondary. Chairman Piazza said he would like to pursue this further with the Town Manager who said he has a solution. Ms. Braley said she would like to get something in writing.

Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Dennis
Lancaster Board of Health Office Manager