

Lancaster Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021

Members in attendance: John Farnsworth, Katherine Holden, and Jeff Paster

Also Present: William Brookings, Health Agent, and Debra Dennis, BOH Administrator

Meeting Materials:

- November 18, 2021, Agenda
- Draft Minutes February 18, 2021, and October 28, 2021
- 80 Spec Pond Bogan Ave Plans

Call to order at 9:30AM by Chairman Farnsworth

**Title 5 Permits**

**Colony Lane**-Bill Brookings said this is a four-bedroom home that they want to increase it to a five-bedroom home. This is a new lot permit; no variances have been requested. He said he will draft a permit and sign it.

**89 Cleverly Cove**-Bill Brookings said he needed revised plans and did not receive them. This was tabled.

**850 Langen Road**-Bill Brookings said this is an upgrade they had a failed system. Title 5 requires an upgrade by September 2023. We are doing this now because they want to sell the home. They are requesting the following variances: sewer line length 110, three-foot groundwater normally offset five feet. **Katherine Holden made a motion to approve as presented and Jeff Paster seconded. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes, and John Farnsworth yes.**

**Title 5 Inspection Reports**

**5 Burbank Lane**-pass per Bill Brookings

**Other Permits**

**Kalon Farm-Food Service Permit**

Chairman Farnsworth said this does not supersede any other permits. Chief Mike Hanson said no special permit has been awarded yet. He said hold off to see what they do first. Chairman Farnsworth said this allows him to proceed. It does not allow him to use. Jeff Paster said this business is out of compliance with multiple codes. It has a cease & desist order and fails to be in compliance with town code. The Board decided to hold off on this.

**10:00AM Public Hearing-80 Spec Pond Bogan Ave**

Jeff Paster read the public hearing notice into the record thereby convening the public hearing. Jim Basile explained the variance requests which are reduction of the septic tank location setback. Bill Brookings said this is the best scenario for a tight lot. **John Farnsworth made a motion to accept the plan, grant the variances, and have Bill Brookings issue the permit. Katherine Holden seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: John Farnsworth yes, Katherine Holden yes, and Jeff Paster yes.**

#### **Discussion**

Tracy Gagnon the Covid Coordinator said they had a pediatric vaccination clinic yesterday and they had over thirty people attend.

#### **Face Covering Mandate**

Jeff Paster shared a graph of the covid cases and data per date. He said there is a concern in the town about the policy. He said we have not come close to meeting any of the three criteria. John Farnsworth said the cases are up in Mass 52%.

Chief Hanson said they have tracked the covid positive cases since June. He said there are currently twenty cases in seventeen homes. He said the mask mandate is not being enforced in stores. Jeff Paster said the expectation is 1. Allow poster to be posted at the door, 2. Workers/employers in compliance 3. when people enter not masked do not expect people to enforce just point out face mandate. Enforcement is by the Board.

#### **Pickleball**-Jean Sifleet and Dianne Leland

Jeff Paster recused himself at 10:39am. Jean said it is safe playing pickleball unmasked. She said social distancing is in place, they are wearing masks when on the court. It is a burden to wear the mask on the court. **Katherine Holden made a motion to approve the request for an exemption and John Farnsworth seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, and John Farnsworth yes.** Jeff Paster returned at 10:50am.

#### **Christmas Concert**

Susan Munyan said there are four sets of musicians coming. The concert is indoors in the gymnasium. There is three quartets and one group of eight. They will be up on stage away from the public and they have been vaccinated. During singing they want to not wear their masks. Jeff Paster said the problem is the close contact. This would be contradicting our guidance. Susan Munyan said so wear your masks or stay six feet apart.

#### **Santa & Song**-Susan Munyan and Alix Turner discussed the upcoming visit with Santa and Mr. Claus.

They said no children will be allowed on stage. Jeff Paster said the Board has no issue with this. He said limit the time, use sanitizer and social distance.

#### **4H-Judy Zmijak**

Judy Zmijak said there has been a change and they are now holding it outside. They will have a basket with candy canes which will be unmanned. Chairman Farnsworth said good luck.

**Cultural Counsel December Art Show**

Chairman Farnsworth said there was a large amount of people who attended with no concern as to the mask mandate. Jeff Paster echoed that some people were not in compliance with the mask mandate.

**ARPA Disbursement Recommendations**

Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator asked for feedback as to uses for these funds. Chair Farnsworth said the Covid-19 Coordinator should be funded by the ARPA funds.

**Mosquitos-West-Nile, EEE**

Jeff Paster said there are nine cases of West Nile so far with the areas effected are primarily on the south side.

**Proposed February Town Meeting**

Chair Farnsworth said the Board of Health has advised the Town to hold the Town Meeting outdoors. It is up to the town to make the final decision.

**Street List Information**

Chair Farnsworth said he requested the census data from the Town Clerk, and it has been converted into a spreadsheet.

**679 George Hill Road-Sewer Application**

Rob Anctil said he has not received permission from the Sewer Commission yet. At their last meeting, a fiscal commitment was discussed. He requested to have this placed on the December 23, 2021, agenda.

**81 Whitcomb Road-Joan Mitchell**

Ms. Mitchell requested an extension of one week from the date given to allow more time to have her home come into compliance with code. Bill Brookings said if the Board agrees this would be December 1, 2021, for the first letter and December 4, 2021, for the second one. The Board agreed. Chair Farnsworth said you are making good progress per the Board of Health inquiries.

**8 Highfield Drive-Geothermal Well**-Bill Brookings said this is a closed loop geothermal well. There were no objections by the Board members. He will issue the permit.

**397 Center Bridge Road**-Bill Brookings said corrections are being made.

**187 Mill Street Extension**-Bill Brookings said the recreational vehicle has been removed.

**2056 North Main Street-well destruction**-Bill Brookings said he received a well destruction sheet. He will issue the permit.

**Minutes**

**John Farnsworth made a motion to approve meeting minutes of February 18, 2021, and October 28, 2021, and Katherine Holden seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: John Farnsworth yes, Katherine Holden yes, and Jeff Paster yes.**

**John Farnsworth made a motion to move the remaining items on the agenda to the next meeting and Katherine Holden seconded. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, John Farnsworth yes, and Jeff Paster yes.**

**Adjourn**

**Katherine Holden made a motion to adjourn, and John Farnsworth seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, John Farnsworth yes, and Jeff Paster yes.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm

Respectfully submitted

Debra Dennis