

TOWN OF LANCASTER
BOARD OF HEALTH
Lancaster Town Hall Auditorium
December 6, 2017

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 9:00 AM.

Chairman Piazza commented that the Tobacco Control Officer Joan Hamlett was delayed. The Board skipped the Tobacco Control Alliance section until Ms. Hamlett's arrival.

Discussion, Abandoned Housing Initiative

Chairman Piazza informed the Board there are currently seven houses that were found to be abandoned in town. He met with the Town Administrator and there are four houses that were sent to the Attorney General. If they meet the criteria the state will assign a receiver and then speak to the owner. They will do the repairs to get it sold.

Discussion, 311 Mill Street Complaint

A complaint was sent to the Board of Health concerning people living in campers and multiple cars. William Brookings said he went to the address and noticed three cars in the front that were for sale. The Board decided to request the Zoning Enforcement Officer do a site visit.

Discussion, Little Speck Pond

William Brookings said he spoke to Jerry Smith who did testing at Little Spectacle Pond and found high levels of Blue Green Algae. Mr. Brookings said they will put signs up and inform the residents.

Discussion, Joan Hamlett, Tobacco Control Alliance

Ms. Joan Hamlett discussed the Tobacco Control Alliance regulation updates. They have a new definition for tobacco. The goal is to keep tobacco out of the hands of children and create a smoke free environment. She said she is looking to see if the Board wants to upgrade the regulations. The Board will look over the document the Tobacco Control Agent handed out and will decide at the January 2018 meeting. Chairman Piazza said they will put Ms. Hamlett on the agenda for January.

Discussion, Old Union Turnpike Complaint

John Farnsworth said he conducted an inspection and found no significant issues but will continue to monitor. Chairman Piazza said if this complaint comes back again it will be forwarded to the Police Department.

Discussion, George Hill Road, Geothermal Well

William Brookings said he wanted to bring this to the attention of the Board. It is a closed loop type system. The Department of Environmental Protection has stopped looking at the closed loop systems. William Brookings will issue the well permit.

Discussion, Elizabeth Shook, 814 Langen Road, Letter to ZBA

William Brookings read the letter which stated based on the information provided it appears the existing septic system is adequate for the proposed addition and the anticipated number of inhabitants.

Richard Belanger made a motion to approve the letter and have the Chairman sign it; John Farnsworth seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.

Discussion, Jones Crossing, Shared Septic System

Chairman Piazza commented the easement was passed at Town Meeting.

Permits/Title 5 Inspection Reports

Title 5 Inspections

223 Old Common Road – passed

98 Fitch Road – passed

57 Seven Bridge Road – passed

46 Hemlock Lane – passed

2180 Lunenburg Road - passed

Tracker Status

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

- Blue-Green Algae at Little Speck Pond-status open
Signs will be posted and abutters will be notified by the Pond Association.
- Citizen complaint - Sewage Leaking from Truck at 290 Neck Road-Chairman Piazza did a site visit and spoke to complainant-status closed
- Citizen complaint - People living in camper/multiple cars in yard
The Board will ask the Zoning Enforcement Officer to conduct a site visit.

Minutes for Approval

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the November 1, 2017 meeting.

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

VOTE: 3-0-0.

General Business

John Farnsworth discussed the importance of checking soil for contaminants that are being brought into town. Chairman Piazza said we have zoning for dirt leaving town but it's hard to regulate soil being brought into town. John Farnsworth said the Board should do research with other towns to see what they have for regulations.

The Board reviewed the correspondence folder.

Richard Belanger left the meeting at 10:02AM.

Adjourn

John Farnsworth made a motion to adjourn; Steve Piazza seconded. VOTE: 2-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Dennis
Lancaster Board of Health Office Manager