

TOWN OF LANCASTER  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Prescott Building Nashaway Meeting Room  
February 5, 2020

Present: John Farnsworth, Katherine Holden, and Jeff Paster

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

List of Documents:

- Agenda for February 5, 2020
- Issue Tracker
- Abandoned Housing Initiative Spreadsheet

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There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM.

**Discussions**

- **U.S. Devens PFAS update**-Kathy Hughes who lives on Fire Road 11 said she was concerned about her wells. Katherine Holden had a handout of mass.gov information about PFAS. After some discussion Bill Brookings was instructed to talk to Jim Garreffi on what is happening in Ayer.
- **AHI**- The Board reviewed the Abandoned Housing Initiative spreadsheet. **A motion was made by Jeff Paster to take 1920 Main Street, 253 Sterling Road, and 2372 Main Street off the AHI list. Katherine Holden seconded the motion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**
- **Emergency Training**-The meeting to discuss the emergency disaster plan will be February 19, 2020 at 1:00 AM. It will be at the Police Station.
- **Community Kitchen Use**-Jessie Gill from World Farmers said the grant was a joint venture with the Community Center. Chairman Farnsworth said the kitchen footprint is not set up for two parties. Bridgett Braley the Food Sanitarian commented she expressed her concerns ahead of time. The food permit was given to World Farmers. Some of the issues are liability, security, and storage. The first thing to address is the liability issue. Alix Turner said with proper scheduling it can be done. Bridgett Braley commented a shared kitchen needs to have separation of space. She suggested getting clarification from Town Counsel concerning the town's liability. She recommended all paperwork be submitted to the Board and have it go through Town Administration and Town Counsel. Jeff Paster said two things are needed intended use and sign off review by Town Counsel as far as liability.
- **North Main Street/Langen Road Odor Complaint**-Chairman Farnsworth said he visited the site twice. It may be a type one bio-product. He proposed sending out correspondence to area farms and ask them what they are applying and how often. **A motion was made by Jeff Paster to send letters to area farms and the soccer fields and ask them what they are applying to the fields and what is the source. Katherine Holden seconded the motion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

- **Old Union & Lunenburg Road proposed houses & commercial building**-The Board did not discuss this topic.
- **61 Schumacher Road Update**-Bill Brookings said he received an update from the owner who is going to move forward with resubmitting plans.
- **Humane Society**-The complaint was forwarded to the Animal Control Officer. At the time of the meeting there was no update. Bill Brookings said he tried to call the complainant but was unsuccessful.
- **Coronavirus**-A motion was made by Jeff Paster to designate himself to review the CDC and Mass links concerning Coronavirus information and determine if the Board should post the CDC or Mass website on the Town Board of Health page. Katherine Holden seconded the motion. VOTE: 3-0-0.
- **Pool Permits-Perkins and 2 Orchard Hill**- The Board signed the permits

#### **Permits**

- **Lot 23, 19 Jones Crossing-reissue permit**-After some discussion of the Board the Board decided to hold off on denying/approving pending a determination.

#### **Title 5 Inspection Reports**

- **142 Hill Top Road (47 Hawthorne Lane)** Bill Brookings informed the Board that the original permit was not signed off. An as built is needed.
- **151 Fire Road 12**-passed

#### **Minutes for Approval**

- Jeff Paster made a motion to approve the October 7, 2019, October 30, 2019, December 4, 2019, and the January 8, 2020 Board of Health meeting minutes. Katherine Holden seconded the motion. VOTE: 3-0-0.

#### **General Business**

The Board reviewed the correspondence folder.

#### **New Business**

#### **Adjourn**

Jeff Paster made a motion to adjourn; Katherine Holden seconded. VOTE: 3-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Dennis, Lancaster Board of Health Office Manager