



TOWN OF LANCASTER – BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2020

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

Also in attendance: William Brookings, Health Agent and Debra Dennis

Chairman Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 9:32AM.

Jeff Paster explained the zoom process

Discussions

- **Covid-19-Virus preparedness & protection**-Chairman Farnsworth advised people to follow the CDC guidelines which are posted on the town website. There was some discussion about a mobile dispensing drive through test site. Jeff Paster said there is a large-scale testing facility in Worcester and Shrewsbury. He felt the town is too small to require a dispensing facility. Chairman Farnsworth said the EMS Group is able and ready to do what must be done.
- **35 Fire Road 7 Building Permit**-Bill Brookings said there is a two-bedroom deed restriction on the property. There is a new Title 5 inspection. They will test the existing well prior to occupancy. An arsenic deed notice will be needed per Bill Brookings. **A motion was made by Katherine Holden to go ahead with the permit for 35 Fire Road 7. Jeff Paster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes and John Farnsworth yes.**
- **327 Ponakin Road-Form 9A/9B**-Bill Brookings said this was previously approved but needs the members to sign.
- **EDS Drill Follow Up**-Jeff Pastor said he still has questions about if they have the right equipment/supplies.
- **AHI Update**-The Board discuss 84 Sterling Street which will be followed up on. The Board will do a site visit at 2290 Main Street and then close it. The Board decided to close 2 Neck Road.
- **Response to Cores from Greg-Brackett, concerning 679 George Hill Road**-Greg Brackett said he understand some of the decisions the Board made but is concerned that the owners have been allowed to carve off seven lots without meeting the needs of Title 5. He said he understands the main house and carriage house do not have a valid Title 5

inspections. He said Lot 8 has the septic system for the carriage house. Bill Brookings said there is a large wetland separator between the mansion and the seven lots. Mr. Brackett was reminded that Title-5 Inspections are ongoing, and no further permits will be issued until they are completed to the Board's satisfaction.

- **Issue Tracker**-There were no changes to the Issue Tracker. Chairman Farnsworth said there were site visits done at 13 Mill Street and 50 Vincent Street.
- **EEE& Ticks—Discussion**-Chairman Farnsworth said it is tick season again. He said this has been spiking for the last three years. Ticks are out in force. Use spray and be vigilant and take precautions. The Board stated the Board of Health website page should be updated.
- **PFAS**-Chairman Farnsworth gave an update.
- **Central Mass Mosquito Control Project Presentation**-Chairman Farnsworth said this will be tabled.
- **BOH Web-Posting**-Chairman Farnsworth said he would like to provide links on the website that will direct people to the information from the appropriate state agencies. Jeff and Katherine both agreed.
- **EDS Grants**-Chairman Farnsworth said Region 2 is giving equipment for drills. The Board will see what they have and decide what is needed.
- **Jones Crossing**-Chairman Farnsworth said he has not heard back from Town Counsel. The Board decided to table until they hear from Town Counsel.
- **BSF, Lot 8 & 9 Hilltop Road**-Bill Brookings said he received the septic design plans recently. There was no action taken on these lots.

Permits

- **61 Schumacher Road-update**-Bill Brookings said the property owner David Newbould requested a Title 5 sign-off. 61 Schumacher Road is being sold and a new septic system is being put in. The previous permit had the Boards approval. It complies with Title 5 and the upgrade is ok. **A motion was made by Jeff Paster to approve and have Bill Brookings sign. Katherine Holden seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes and John Farnsworth yes.**
- **Lot R-1 South Meadow Road-New Lot**-This was tabled.
- **151 Fire Road 12-Increase in flow**-This was tabled.

Title 5 Inspection Reports

- **918 Brockelman Road-pass**
- **61 Schumacher Road-failed**
- **219 South Meadow Road-pass**
- **60 Brazao Lane-pass**
- **184 Deershorn Road-Bill Brookings said the main system passed but the laundry system is not tied in. A letter will be sent to the owner.**

Minutes for Approval

- **February 5, 2020- A motion was made by Katherine Holden to approve the February 5, 2020 meeting minutes. Jeff Paster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes and John Farnsworth yes.**
- **March 2, 2020- A motion was made by Katherine Holden to approve the March 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Jeff Paster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes and John Farnsworth yes.**

Adjourn

- **A motion was made by Katherine Holden to adjourn. Jeff Paster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Jeff Paster yes, Katherine Holden yes and John Farnsworth yes.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 AM.

**Respectfully submitted
Debra Dennis**