



## TOWN OF LANCASTER – BOARD OF HEALTH

### Meeting Minutes

October 15, 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

#### Discussion

- **195 Kaleva Road, proposed in-law apartment**-Bill Brookings said this is an existing 9 room home total. They made an in-law apartment above the garage. There is a total of 11 rooms in all. There is currently a four-bedroom septic system. He said there should be a four-bedroom deed restriction on the property. **A motion was made by Katherine Holden to approve the proposed in-law apartment with a four- bedroom deed restriction placed on the property. Jeff Paster seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes and John Farnsworth yes.**
- **Halloween, BOH statement**-Chairman Farnsworth went over the Board of Health statement pertaining to Halloween. Bill Brookings said this is like what the Town of Bolton approved. There was some discussion by the Board as to the times for treat or treating. The recommendations of the Board of Health will be sent to the Board of Selectmen.
- **Upcoming Town Meeting, BOH Position**-Chairman Farnsworth commented he received calls and emails from residents that are not comfortable having the Town Meeting inside. He recommended having it outside. Jeff Paster said it is an unnecessary risk having it indoors and agreed with the Chair. Dianne Reardon the Town Clerk commented that the election date is not set yet. She would have to plan if it is to be held outside. Jay Moody said he heard from the Finance Committee that it must be before the end of the year. They must finalize the budget.
- **PFAS, Devens Report & Consumer Reports Article**-Chairman Farnsworth said Ayer has a nice carbon filter system process for drinking water through since PFAS has

reached them. PFAS will be more of an issue. He commented that the Town Manager told him there will be more frequent testing.

- **Immunization Clinic 7 October, Follow-Up Discussion**-Jeff Paster said he appreciates all the support from the Board and the Community Center. It went well. They were just shy of 200 people served. He said next year he would like to have the Health Fair if possible. The Public Health Emergency Reviewer was happy with the plans submitted.
- **Fitness Centers, Gym Openings**-Chairman Farnsworth said he is concerned with the balance of what we are telling fitness centers and what the town fitness center is doing. He said he has not seen the self-certification form that should be posted if having activities. Jeff Paster commented we need to be consistent with the governor's orders. Alix Turner said she wants to make sure they are complying. Chairman Farnsworth said he would go over and do a site visit. Jeff Paster commented about the food service and the distance people needed to be apart. He said four people cannot sit at the round tables and still be six feet apart.
- **Fiesta-Show/ Bolton Fair Follow-Up**-Chairman Farnsworth said he will have to follow up with Bridgett Braley at Nashoba. Bill Brookings said she has received an application.
- **Rabies Clinic Reminder, Sterling 17-October**-The Town of Sterling will be having a Rabies Clinic this Saturday.
- **Library Opening**-Katherine Holden said she did a walk through of the Library on Friday. They are following all recommendations of the Commonwealth and the Board of Health. They are open by appointment only. Jeff Paster commented they need to have a self-certification form.
- **Vet-Bill for Bat Testing**-Chairman Farnsworth said he spoke to the Town Manager and he will take care of the invoice.
- **Atlantic Union College-Main Street**-Bill Brookings said he reached out to Brandon Ducharme to get an update. Chairman Farnsworth said the Sewer District is doing smoke testing with cameras.
- **Maharishi Property 679 George Hill Road**- Greg Brackett questioned the Title 5 inspections done at the Maharishi property. Chairman Farnsworth said they used unintrusive means and now will have to explore other means. Bill Brookings said they have done two site visits. He will reach out to Ducharme & Dillis again. The Board of Health will not release any new lot permits.

### **Permits**

- 2273 North Main Street- Septic Tank and Dbox-tabled

- 47 Hawthorne Road-Septic Tank-Bill Brookings said the septic tank is being relocated. There are no offset issues.
- 95 Holiday Lane-Bill Brookings said they are proposing a new well and will need offset reduction variance.

### **Title 5 Inspections**

- 500 Shirley Road., TA1-This passed. This is on Fort Devens. The DEP has jurisdiction.
- 500 Shirley Road., TA2- This passed. This is on Fort Devens. The DEP has jurisdiction.
- 20 Highfield Drive-Bill Brookings said he is working on this and it will be pass.
- 66 Poulin Drive-failed
- 27 Burbank Lane-Bill Brookings said there are three rooms. This will need a Title 5 variance. Chairman Farnsworth said he would like to do a site visit.

### **Minutes**

- **A motion was made by Jeff Paster to approve the meeting minutes of July 1, 2020. Katherine Holden seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes and John Farnsworth yes.**
- **A motion was made by Jeff Paster to approve the meeting minutes of July 15, 2020. Katherine Holden seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes and John Farnsworth yes.**

### **General Business**

Correspondence folder

### **New Business**

Time is being reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate being discussed.

Report from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health Liaison, William Brookings

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 AM.**

**Respectfully submitted  
Debra Dennis**