



## TOWN OF LANCASTER – BOARD OF HEALTH

### Meeting Minutes

### November 4, 2020

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

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

Chairman Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 9:33AM.

Jeff Paster explained the zoom process

#### Discussion

- Fiesta-Light Show, Bolton Fair, Follow-Up-Bridgett Brailey from Nashoba said she has an appointment with them on November 26<sup>th</sup> and will do food inspections when they are out there. They provided a plan as to how they are planning on social distancing. Katherine Holden asked about the limit on participants. Bridgett Brailey said they are looking at people staying in cars and is unsure of the limit. Chairman Farnsworth said they should follow up. Bridgett Brailey discussed food permits.
- 27 Burbank Lane-Chairman Farnsworth said this is for an addition without a basement. Bill Brookings said they would like to add a family room on. The distance from the septic tank would be 5 feet not the 10 feet that is required. The Board decided to revisit this at a later date.
- 95 Holiday Lane-Well Variance-Bill Brookings said this is a new well that is 10 feet from White Pond and 45 feet from the property line. **A motion was made by Jeff Paster to agree to allow Bill Brookings to act on this continuance at 95 Holiday Lane. Katherine Holden seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Katherine Holden yes, Jeff Paster yes, and John Farnsworth yes.**
- Lot 6 Hilltop Road irrigation well request-Bill Brookings said they are drilling for a second well due to a failure to produce sufficient yield for home use. The current well will not be used for potable water, the request was for this first well to remain in place, not be destroyed. Katherine Holden clarified that the first well site was approved for potable water and now would be restricted to only irrigation. Bill Brookings said the

Applicant is asking for the well to be set in place for future irrigation citing great expense invested in this first well.

Public Comments: Ken Stenton questioned why the second well was being drilled. Bill Brookings said the first well did not have an acceptable yield that is why the a second well was drilled. Greg Jackson said the rules and regulations make an exception for irrigation wells that does not meet standards. He asked how you keep track of it. Chairman Farnsworth said we are not being asked to approve an irrigation well. The issue is the failure of the first well to yield sufficient supply to support the residence. Greg Brackett asked does the Board of Health look at yields or just potability. He said they should look at the detrimental effect on the wells on the street. After some discussion of the Board, Chairman Farnsworth informed Bill Brookings that we need to notify the Applicant that the well is not to be used for potable (drinking water) use, make sure the well-head is secured and that no contaminants enter through the well into the ground system.

- **Reopening's, COVID 19 compliance and complaints-Report from Agents, Complaints, Cease & Desists**-Bill Brookings said the Department of Public Health said the local towns can issue fines. Jeff Paster said he is using the state form for civil violations. He said he will have Mike Coughlin, MA-DLS, look it over and make sure the document is solid.

Chairman Farnsworth commented about a complaint concerning Kalon Farms. Bill Brookings said outside food service is not an event. He does not think occupancy can be set for outside. Jeff Paster said the Board needs to send the new Covid-19 regulations to Town officials and post them on the town website.

- **Upcoming Town Meeting, BOH Discussion**-Chairman Farnsworth said the Town Meeting is proposed to be at the school. Bill Brookings said in Berlin the Selectmen voted to postpone their Town Meeting. Jeff Paster said they(school/town) propose to provide deep cleaning after the meeting, with school-classes proposed for the following day. Katherine Holden commented the Town Meeting is required for the budget to be approved in November. Chairman Farnsworth said they should advise the Board of Selectmen in a memo and make sure their position is known when they meet on Monday night.
- **Town Hall Reopening, BOH Discussion**-The Board discussed continuing to have the Town Hall closed and not have a full reopening. To continue by appointment access for residents.
- **Roll-on-America, Remote Learning, Application Follow-Up**-Katherine Holden commented they have reopened. The Board discussed who has Municipal Authority to approve this. The Board decided to send it back to the Town Manager.

- Portable Toilet and Event Permitting and Fees-The Board discussed updating the fees. Katherine Holden will review them and give an update at a future meeting.

### **Permits**

- Lunenburg Road-Bill Brookings said this is a transfer of ownership.
- 444 Harvard Road-Distribution box replacement
- 408 Parker Road-Distribution box replacement

Bill Brookings will process and sign the permits

### **Title 5 Inspections**

- 45 Grant Way-Title 5 Inspection-pass
- 514 South Meadow Road-pass
- 629 George Hill Road-pass

### **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 11:46 AM.**

**Respectfully submitted  
Debra Dennis**