

TOWN OF LANCASTER  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Lancaster Community Center  
March 2, 2016

Present: Stephen Piazza Chair, David Dunn Clerk, and Richard Belanger

Also Present: William Brookings, R.S., Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.

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There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM.

**Discussion – YMCA Camp Lowe**

*Present: David Connor, YMCA and Mark Donahue, Fletcher and*

Mr. Mark Donahue stated that he had sent a letter to the Board with an update of what has been happening regarding the plans for the update on the existing septic system. Mr. Donahue stated that they have done all the testing for the septic system but the new location requires them to relocate the well on the property. They have completed the water test late last year, and they have hired a contractor for the well.

Mr. Steve Piazza asked if all the work could be completed by June.

MR. Donahue stated that if they get all the permits in hand soon they could possibly be able to complete but wanted to get permission from the Board to operate as they did last year just in case the work is not completed.

**At 9:05 AM Mr. David Dunn made a motion to extend the Boards previous agreement to allow the camp to operate with weekly pumping. Mr. Richard Belanger seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

**General Business**

**Correspondence**

The Board reviewed the correspondence folder.

**Minutes from February 3, 2016**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 3, 2016 meeting

**At 9:06 AM Mr. David Dunn made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Richard Belanger seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

**Discussion – Portable Septic Permit, Bolton Fair Grounds**

Ms. Hampson stated that she received the application from the Bolton Fair Grounds for their portable septic permit for the year. The letter requested that they pay \$100 fee as in past years for all the events at the grounds for the upcoming year.

The Board stated that they have no issue with the request and will sign off on the permit at the next meeting.

**Discussion – 94 Main Street, Cumberland Farms Food Service Variance**

*Present: Bill Putnam, Cumberland Farms*

Mr. Bill Putnam stated that he has requested a variance from the Board of Health to allow them to sell and display pizza in their new location on Main Street as allowed in the 2013 Food Code. The Town currently is using the 1999 Food Code which does not allow for pizza to be displayed and sold. Mr. Putnam mentioned that Cumberland Farms does this in other locations including Leominster.

Mr. Brookings stated that he spoke to Bridgette Braley, Food Service Inspector, and asked if she had any comments regarding the request, she did not.

**At 9:15 AM Mr. David Dunn made a motion to approve the variance as request to the existing town food code to be in line with the most recent state code to allow pizza to be sold as it is at other locations. Mr. Richard Belanger seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

**Discussion – Well Testing on Private Wells, Ted Manning**

*Present: Ted Manning, Lancaster DPW*

Mr. Ted Manning stated that he is before the Board to ask if the town requires private well owners to have the wells tested. MR. Manning stated that the water department tests the water regularly and wanted to know if there was any requirement to have private wells tested.

Mr. Dunn mentioned that as a Board they can recommend that people test their wells but it is not enforceable.

Mr. Manning asked if there was anything the Board could do to get more people to test their wells.

Mr. Belanger asked if there was any specific concern that the Water Department or Department of Public Works has with the private wells in town.

Mr. Manning stated that there is concern with the North Lancaster area specifically those that live near Keating.

Chair Piazza stated that the Board could place a note on the Board of Health web page stating that the Board encourages those with private wells to get them tested.

**Discussion – Update 2501 Main Street**

Chair Piazza stated that last week before he went to file with housing court the complaint on the property he drove by and witnessed a dumpster on the property and the area being cleaned up. Chair

Piazza stated that as long as steps are being taken to clean the property he does not see the need to precede with legal action at this time.

**Discussion – Water Survey, Peter Farmer**

Present: Peter Farmer, Earth Products Removal Committee

Mr. Peter Farmer stated that he was before the Board of Health as a member of the Earth Product Removal Committee and had a few questions regarding possible well impacts in the area of North Lancaster. Mr. Farmer stated that he had brought the question to the Earth Products Removal Committee and it was suggested that he contact the Board of Health. Mr. Farmer is looking to create a survey for those in the area to see if they have any water issues, and thought the Board may be able to help.

Mr. Dunn stated that the post office has every door direct mailing and a survey could be sent out that way.

Mr. Belanger suggested that Mr. Farmer be careful in the questions that are asked in the survey to make sure that they are not leading and suggest that there is a problem.

Mr. Farmer asked if the Board has any suggestions for what should be in the survey.

Mr. Dunn stated that they would not but the Board would be interested in the results.

**Permits**

**7 Magnolia Ave**

Mr. Brookings stated that the system has failed a Title 5 inspection and the upgraded system will require a few local variances. Mr. Brookings went through the list of variances requested. He went on to state that the variances requested are all minor and he sees no issue with the plans or the requested variances.

**At 10:00 AM Mr. David Dunn made a motion to approve the variances as requested for 7 Magnolia Ave. Mr. Richard Belanger seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

**Colony Lane**

Mr. Brookings stated that the only variance requested is for testing out of season. Mr. Brookings stated that he was present for the soil testing that took place in November and he did observe the mottling.

**At 10:03 AM Mr. David Dunn made a motion to approve the variance as request for the lot on Colony Lane. Mr. Richard Belanger seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

**Title V Inspection Reports**

117 Whitetail Lane - Pass

850 Langen Road – Inspector did not show water line as required a letter will be sent.

80 Fire Road 11 – Garbage grinder present, letter will be sent.

24 Fuller Ave – Pass, but abutting wells need to be tested, Mr. Brookings stated that he has called the inspector but will also send a letter.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hampson, LBOH Office Manager