



TOWN OF LANCASTER – BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

July 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 9:30AM.

Jeff Paster explained the zoom process

Discussion

- Reopening-Chairman Farnsworth said the Board has been giving guidance which comes from the Department of Public Health or the Governor's office. He said there is a twelve-page compendium of orders and guidance. Katherine Holden said she has sent Joe Mule the Director of the Library guidelines. She said he does not feel comfortable opening the Library at this time.
- Town Beach Reopening-The hours have changed. The fee for nonresidents is \$20.00 a car. Jeff Paster said people are not obligated to open but they do not need our permission.
- Mask Complaints- The Board discussed Trolley Stop which has had three violations. Jeff Paster said he will do a site visit to see if they are complying. Chairman Farnsworth said it is appropriate to take some action after one warning.
- Padula-Jeff Paster said he did a site visit and employees were not wearing face masks. He said he spoke to the Manager and gave educational session and materials. A site visit will be done next week.
- Kimball's-Jeff Paster said he did a site visit, and two employees were observed not wearing masks. He said he spoke to the Manager.
- George Hill Road BSF project-William Brookings said the Board gave them two years to tie into the sewer. He said they have financial information on the betterment but need more information. Chairman Farnsworth said the Board has received a letter from the Historical Commission. Victoria Petracca and Greg Brackett commented about the Ducharme & Dillis letter concerning the house and carriage house. She said it states they are not in use which is not accurate. Katherine Holden confirmed this. Victoria Petracca discussed funding remedy (sewer connection). She said Title 5 requires one and one and a half times the cost set aside. Bill Brookings said usually the upgrade is not tied to sewer connection.

- 285 White Pond Road Permit Upgrade-Bill Brookings said this is a repair to a failed system. This is a small lot. The system was installed and upgraded in 1997. He said they are using the existing tank and pump chamber. They are replacing one existing leaching tank. Steve Marsden the increased ground water offset to over four. A variance is needed for the distance from the leech field and the offset to the well. **A motion was made by Jeff Paster to approve the variances with the Health Agent signing. Katherine Holden seconded the motion. VOTE: Jeff Paster yes, Katherine Holden yes, John Farnsworth yes.**
- 2284 North Main Street-Bill Brookings said they have requested a second well to be allowed for backup of normal use. They meet all setbacks. Katherine Holden asked if the well will be portable. Bill Brookings said he does not know the tie in. He will check when needed. The Board decided to put this on the next agenda.
- 565 Langen Road-This was tabled.
- Perkins School-Chairman Farnsworth said he met with Steve Young and went over the architectural plan for the Equestrian Barn. Bill Brookings said he is doing a site visit next Tuesday.
- Atlantic Union College Pump Station-Chairman Farnsworth said he will follow up with the Sewer District to verify corrections. He said nothing is being transferred until this is resolved. Jeff Paster said this is a bad situation which has been going on for a very long time. Chairman Farnsworth said they need to give information concerning decommissioning the pump station and piping and tying into sewer for the buildings.
- Bay State Truck Show-Jeff Paster said he does not think this can be done since they are still in phase 3 which does not allow for this big show. Chairman Farnsworth said during the command center call with the state he will ask for specific guidance.
- PHEP Representative Letter-Bill Brookings said NABH needs a letter from the Board stating that Jim, Kaylene or Ira can represent the Board at meetings if they cannot attend. **A motion was made by Katherine Holden to have Jim, Kaylene or Ira from NABH act on behalf of the Lancaster Board of Health if a Board of Health member is not in attendance at the PHEP meeting. Jeff Pater seconded the motion. VOTE: Jeff Paster yes, Katherine Holden yes and John Farnsworth yes.**
- EEE-CMMCP Control Project-Chairman Farnsworth said mosquitoes are here. He said use protection from mosquitoes if doing dusk to dawn activities. Katherine Holden said if your address is not on the list to be sprayed you can submit a request to CMMCP.
- Anti-vaxxing-Chairman Farnsworth said he is not sure if the schools will be opening in the fall. He has had some dialogue with the Superintendent as to what their policy is. Jeff Paster said as a Board we need to educate about vaccinations. Katherine Holden commented about flu vaccine and the Board considering a drive through immunization clinic. Jeff Paster said this year there will be no health fair. The focus is on influenzas and pneumonia vaccinations. We will do this the safest way possible. He said he will reach out to set up a plan.

New Business

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

Approved: October 15, 2020

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. VOTE: 3-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Debra Dennis