

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting – December ~~29~~, 2020

In attendance: Katie Goldrick, Kat Tribulski, David Reilly, Abbey Myers

Open Meeting: Katie Goldrick 7:00pm

Katie Goldrick: Agenda item #1 - Septic review at 31 Forest Rd.

Abbey Myers: The leaching field has gotten clogged up so it has been failing for quite some time. We were informed of this in the middle of August. This system is backing up - it was previously backing up into the house so we had to go through different things just get funding and the design plans.

Katie Goldrick: Asks Mr. Collins if he has anything specific to note about this system.

Peter Collins: This is a relatively straightforward septic repair. The biggest hardship with this one is there is a bunch of fill in the front yard so we're going to be looking at almost an 11 dig out to build a new system. Because of that we are were required to do a sieve analysis as it was unsafe to do a perc test. That is the only local upgrade approval we are requesting, everything else is a straightforward. It's a single tank, no pump, gravity system.

Katie Goldrick: The only concern is to make sure the system is installed 130 inches deep, and it's not shorted.

Peter Collins: That's something the engineer watches. The engineer goes by before they start to fill it with sand, and we make sure it looks the way we want it to. At the end of the day it's the engineers that are approving it.

Kat Tribulski: Motion to approve based on the acceptance of the terms by the Conservation Committee.

David Reilly: Second the motion.

Katie, Kat, David: All in favor to approve this septic review based on the contingents of the Conservation Committee.

Katie Goldrick: Agenda item #2 – Budget. We will be submitting the budget tomorrow, and it is almost identical to what we did last year. The only thing that that changes is a small increase with Abbey's salary, the nursing public health nurse last year was a salary position, we changed that to a contract with Randolph so that has a specific limit. The hazardous waste pick Abbey was able to significantly reduce our cost after finding out Holbrook had previously been over charged for this service. We want to budget for 2 hazardous waste days so we still want this in the budget. You should have a copy in your email.

Katie Goldrick: Agenda item #3 - Health agent updates.

Abbey Meyers: As of 5:30pm we have 47 active cases, 15 probables, 464 recovered as well as our 9 deaths. We have not had any more deaths this month. We have reached about mid 160 cases, so that is more than our last surge in January or April which was 129. I expect it to be around 180 for this month. Vaccine roll outs have started – Pfizer and Moderna. Right now the vaccine is being given to first-line nurses and first responders.

Kat Tribulski: Discussed her experience with the vaccine. She also reminded that having the vaccine does not mean you can stop wearing a mask, social distancing, etc.

Abbey Myers: Cares Act funding was just got signed into law yesterday or the day before so our Cares Act funding will be extended through December 31, 2021. That does not mean that we are getting new funding, it means that we can use our existing funding that was supposed to December 31st 2020. We have about \$300,000 left for the town so we're going through the process of what do we need for the future and what for the next year. We are looking to keep our compliance officer. We are also thinking of hiring a contract tracer because we were still in a surge and it's nearly impossible to capture everyone. Most health departments are taking on a contact tracer or making a nurse do full-time contact tracing. It will provide more care to each individual case - they would get calls on a daily basis, they can ask questions and voice concerns.

Katie Goldrick: The contact tracer - Abbey has written a job description and interviews will have to occur. Kat and Abbey will interview.

Abbey Myers: On the 26th most sector specific occupancy guidelines went down from 40% to 25%. This should only be for a time of 2-3 weeks. It ends on January 10th or 11th, but it is written in the regulations that it may be extended. The state is going to look at different metrics and numbers to see if cases are rising, so they're going to continue the 25% for another week. This is mostly to protect our hospital system and not overwhelm our healthcare system. Hopefully the metrics look good in the next week and a half and we can go back to 40% occupancy.

Katie Goldrick: For the next agenda we will be finalizing the litter ordinance. We should post the litter ordinance publicly so that the next meeting that we have in person we can finalize that.

Abbey Myers: Will post it on the website tomorrow as well as send everyone a copy. At the next meeting you are allowed to vote, and then from there I would be sending it to the AG's office.


David Reilly: We talked about that flood lights going into people's homes and residents who have high visible lights. Abbey will reach out to Abington to see their nuisance lights bylaws. Does town hall provide training on stuff. Annual training for sexual harassment, bullying in the workplace, etc.

Katie Goldrick: Maybe we can reach out and ask our new HR manager what process standard annual renewal.

Kat Tribulski: Motion to end the meeting

David Reilly: Second the motion.

Katie, Kat, David: All in favor of ending the meeting.



Kathryn Tribulski
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