

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting – November 17, 2020

In attendance: Katie Goldrick, Kat Tribulski, Abbey Myers

Absent: David Reilly

Open Meeting: 7:00pm

Katie Goldrick: Agenda item #1 - septic review for 3 Abrams Way.

Abbey Myers: This is a repair to one of the septic systems. Perc was done a couple weeks ago, and they are asking for a variance to do one perc hole instead of two because the location of the old leaching field was not known so we didn't want to disturb it. All of it is in compliance with 310 CMR 15, so the variance and the system should be approved.

Bill: All Abbey said is accurate. There was very good soil out there. There was nothing on record showing exactly where the old field is so it was pretty soggy so they didn't want to make it worse, so they only did the one hole.

Kat Tribulski: I would like to make a motion to allow variance for 3 Abrams Way for the septic system.

Katie Goldrick: Second that motion.

Katie / Kat: Both in favor.

Katie Goldrick: That passes without issue. Item #2 - TDS 32 Quincy Street.

Abbey Myers: This is another septic. This is for 32 Quincy Street and it is with Collins Engineering. They are asking for two variances and both of which are allowable under the CMR-15: 1. Requesting a local upgrade approval of the sanitary system which requires a 5-foot vertical separation between high ground water elevation and the bottom of the soil desorption system with a perc rate of less than two minutes per inch. A local upgrade would approve, allowing a reduction from 5 feet to 4 feet. This is very common especially in our area. The second variance is for a variance allowing a reduction of 12 inches to 7 inches of vertical separation between high ground water elevation and the lowest take inverter. These are standard things especially the request allowing from a 5-foot separation to a 4 foot. Most of our systems we do have that in our ground as well as columns.

Kat Tribulski: If the variance is allowed by CMR-15 maybe we should amend some things to mirror the CMR.

Kat Tribulski: I would like to make a motion to accept both variances at 32 Quincy.

Katie Goldrick: Second that motion.

Katie / Kat: Both in favor. Motion passes.

Katie Goldrick: Agenda Item #3: Discussion of special town meeting on updated noise ordinance.

Kat Tribulski: I can kind of foresee that there may be some discussion in regards to it being proposed in general, and why are we doing this. The simple answer is that this already exists and we are just rephrasing, as well as adding definitions for more clarification. This is to update the language and make it accessible to everyone.

Katie Goldrick: It is to update the language and meet current sound standards. If you look at your warrant you can see the changes.

Kat Tribulski: You'll see what was standing what was changed, and that we have had considerations for various businesses.

Katie Goldrick: Item #4 – COVID updates. No new cases today.

Abbey Myers: Fifteen confirmed and 6-7 probable. Those numbers change a lot because the rapid tests are false positives and false negatives. Two hundred sixty- seven recovered and 9 deaths. Keep in mind that the state numbers do not include the probably cases. PCR is the best test – no insurance is needed to have the test done. Resident can give the office a call and I can help you find a testing site.

Abbey Myers: A new checklist was developed for the Board of Health to use when rounding. If there is an issue, we circle what regulation is not being followed. Verbal and written warnings are being given currently. Fines may be given at some point for repeat offenders.

Katie Goldrick: Chief Smith and Rick Reuss have been helping us with complaints or concerns that are being reported. Educating people works best at trying to get people to comply with the guidelines.

Abbey Myers: Numbers change constantly.

Katie Goldrick: If you test because you do not feel well and have symptoms, go home and quarantine. We need to start educating people on how to clean your house properly, what protocols to use if you have first responders in your home, etc.

Abbey Myers: Keep holidays to just immediate family. Just because can gather with 10 people doesn't mean you should. Some tips are -wear a mask when not eating or drinking, keep your distance - at least six feet from other people who are not in your household, wash your hands often with soap and water and improve your ventilation by opening windows or doors if you can.

Don't share your food from the same plate or share drinks, don't shake hands or hug, do not sing, dance or shouting – this makes the virus airborne. We are here to educate to try to stop the spread so we are not going through this for another year.

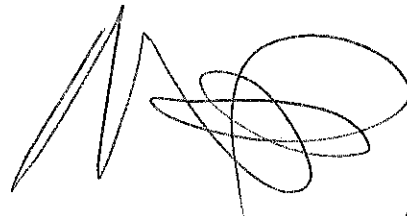
Kat Tribulski: Remember the test in only one moment in time and does not give you the go ahead to do the things you used to. On a positive note, we were able to have our town election with amazing compliance.

Katie Goldrick: Schools are doing great too.

Kat Tribulski: Make a motion to end this meeting.

Katie Goldrick: Second the motion.

Katie / Kat: Both in favor.

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Kathryn Tribulski, AW
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