

Board of Health Meeting

Board Members in Office

February 13, 2023

Present in Office: Mark MacDonald, Chairman; Paul Armstrong, Vice Chairman; Tyler Nims, Clerk; Gary Russell, Director; Kathy Duddy, Administrative Assistant; Teresa Flynn, Public Health Nurse

Board of Health Meeting opened at 6:01 p.m.

25 Lawrence Road/ Local Variance/ Land Planning, Inc.

Mr. MacDonald opened the meeting and Mr. Russell explained to the Board that Mr. Bjorklund (property owner) would like to construct a three bedroom septic system on the site that currently has a two bedroom dwelling in the WRPD. Mr. Bjorklund explained that his intent is to find nitrogen credit land in accordance with an approved "Facility Aggregation Plan or Community Aggregation Plan" in order to replace the existing structure with a three bedroom dwelling. The Board reviewed the proposed septic design and proposed dwelling design. The Board voted unanimously to approve the variance. The variance was signed by the Board, a copy was made for the job folder and the original approved variance was given to Mr. Bjorklund to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

New and Old Business

1st Stop Coffee, 2084 Ocean Street

Mr. Russell told the Board that Peter Armstrong and Mr. Russell inspected the site and the existing septic system. Under Title 5 the system is in failure. The static liquid level in the distribution box was above the outlet pipes due to an overloaded or clogged SAS. Peter Armstrong and Mr. Russell opened drainage manholes and catch basins to check where pipes were going. A 12" ADS pipe was found in the catch basin west of the coffee shop and appeared to be going in a northerly direction. Colored dye was used to check if this pipe would be in the way. It was not, it turned somewhere and went east. The first plan to repair the septic system was to use a product called "White Knight". Mr. Russell found additional information that showed no test pit was dug after the Title 5 change of 1995 making it possible that the system may be in the groundwater and a new leaching area will be required. Peter Armstrong told Mr. Russell that a test pit and soil evaluation will be performed by Grady Consulting possibly next week.

1187 Ferry Street/ Tight Tank

Mr. Russell told the Board (as a "heads-up") that the owner at 1187 Ferry Street intends to upgrade their dwelling in a similar manner as the neighbor's upgrade. The thinking was to install a tight tank and drive piles around it to put the dwelling upon. The Board spoke about how it was accomplished by the neighbors and will wait and see what is proposed.

Electronic Permitting

Mr. Russell explained to the Board that Ms. Duddy was working with I.T. to be able to pay fees on line. The plan was to start small by using the burial permits as a test case. Mr. MacDonald stated that the

Health Department should do whatever is needed to make it happen. Mr. MacDonald stated that most towns have "pay on line capabilities".

Public Health Excellence Grant

Mr. Russell told the Board that William Dorheim continues to get all necessary paperwork required by the State in order to start advertising for back up positions for the Health Departments involved with the grant. The other towns involved are: Hanover, Rockland, Pembroke and Norwell. Hanson and Duxbury dropped out.

Casba Food & Pastries

Mr. Russell explained to the Board that a food inspection of Casba Food & Pastries found three violated provisions related to foodborne illness risk factors. The ALSCO inspector determined that the Person In Charge seemed unaware of requirements for producing high risk foods, such as canning and possible shipping/transporting. Residential kitchens are not to do canning, work with meats and cheeses, what is allowed are baking of items that are non-potential hazardous foods. The Board asked that Mr. Russell get with ALSCO and suspend or revoke the permit. The Board would like to meet with Casba Food & Pastries.

113 Bayberry Road

Mr. Russell explained that the building permit was for an office over the garage. Mr. Nerger (in Mr. Russell's opinion) built an apartment. There was a great deal of correspondence back and forth as to what Title 5 says is an office. Mr. Nerger agreed to make the room an office (half bath) and not install a shower. The Building Department has issues because the apartment is not attached to the dwelling. Mr. Russell sent the Building Department information as to what was needed to bring the septic system into compliance.

As the meeting was coming to a close a verity of items were brought up. Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Russell to keep an eye on Haymarket. Mr. MacDonald asked about pumping records and it was suggested that sites with tight tanks have the water usage compared to the pumping records. Ms. Duddy explained how pumping records are being kept because the town was going to drop the "OpenGov" system and use a different system called "Munis". Later, the town decided to stay with OpenGov. Mr. MacDonald asked if the pumper trucks and dumpsters were all permitted. Ms. Duddy said they were. It was asked if the dwellings that could tie into town sewer had. Ms. Duddy estimated that there were a dozen that had not. The Health Department would not accept Title 5 inspections for sites that were to tie in to town sewer so the new owners had to tie in. There were only a couple that tied in. The request to tie in letter that the Health Department drafted was forwarded to the DPW and the health department has not heard any more on the subject. It was asked if the town has any camps this season and was told that there were none as yet. The Board spoke of Blackman's Point and the possibility that it will be sold. Blackman's Point has town sewer but it may not be a large enough service depending on what may be built on the site. The Board spoke of Duxbury's beach nourishment project and truck traffic over Marshfield's bridge.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Tyler W. King, Clerk
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