

Board of Health Meeting

Board Members in Office

May 22, 2023

Present in Office: Mark MacDonald, Chairman; Tyler Nims, Clerk; Gary Russell, Director; Kathleen Duddy, Administrative Assistant; Jean and Robert Dunn, public

Board of Health Meeting opened at 5:55 p.m.

22R Elm Street / Title 5 Variance / Morse Engineering. Greg Morse was present to represent the Kolvatz Family. Greg stated that the property is a retreat lot and the proposed leaching system will be located under the existing driveway using LC-6 concrete chambers and crushed stone. The proposed septic design requires three Local Upgrade Approvals (LUA). Morse Engineering is requesting that the separation to groundwater be reduced from four feet to three feet to maintain use of the existing driveway and adjacent grading. The second LUA is to allow a reduction from the required 20' to 10.8' between the subsurface absorption system (SAS) and the building foundation of #20 Elm Street. The third LUA is to allow a reduction from 10' to 2' between the SAS and the property line. A motion was made to approve all three LUA's, and seconded for approval. (6:00p.m.)

8 Knox Street – Housing Inspection. The owner of the property was not present. Jean and Robert Dunn of 50 Ashburton Avenue (abutter) were present to speak of the concerns regarding the people that were in the dwelling. Mark directed the Health Department to send a letter to the owner directing him to correct the serious issues relative to the provision of electricity and water at the site. The letter will contain an invitation to attend a Board Hearing on Tuesday May 30, 2023 at 5pm to defend why the dwelling should not be condemned because it is unfit for human habitation. Mark stated that if there is no response, then the building will be posted as unfit for human habitation and condemned. The Dunn's asked what would happen next and it was said that the dwelling would be vacated and boarded up. The letter will give the owner 24 hours to start making repairs to the house. Jean stated that the bank was paying the water bills and that the third floor deck had structural issues. Mark again stated that if there is no response on Tuesday, May 30th, the building will be condemned. Jean asked about the people in the building. Mark stated that he understood they were squatters and that is between the owner and the court. (6:16pm)

Executive Session: Personnel Matters - There was a discussion regarding the resumes for the Assistant Director position.

6:30pm; Motion to adjourn and seconded.

Tyler W Nims, Clerk