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December 13, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., EST
Meeting Room 2 First Floor
272 Main Street

PRELIMINARIES

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Additions or Deletions not anticipated 48 hours in advance

APPOINTMENT/HEARINGS

- 1.3 CO-VID Update
- 1.4 198 Pierce Road Septic Upgrade
- 1.5 Lot 2 North End Road – Well Variance Hearing
- 1.6 39 Turnpike Road – Septic Upgrade
- 1.7 109 Lunenburg Road – Septic Update
- 1.8 247 South Row Road – Tank and Sewer Line
- 1.9 9 Hickory Drive – Septic Upgrade with Local Upgrade Approval
- 1.10 130 Wallace Hill Road – Septic Upgrade with Local Upgrade Approval
- 1.11 478 Main Street – Proposed Dog Grooming Business
- 1.12 Stable Regulations Update
- 1.13 Other Permits for Approval
- 1.14 2022 Meeting Schedule

WORK SESSION

- 1.15 Invoices
- 1.16 Minutes of October 2021
- 1.17 Future Agenda Items
 - 1.17.1 3 Wheeler Road – Manure Management Plan
 - 1.17.2 Septic Regulations Update – Work Session Spring
 - 1.17.3 Permit and Fees Update 2022–2024 – Work Session February
 - 1.17.4 Next Meeting December 27, 2021, 5:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

Board of Health Meeting Minutes December 13, 2022

- 1.1 Call the meeting to order at 5:01pm.
- 1.2 Roll Call all present.
- 1.3 **COVID Update:** Two weeks ago was the big increase on 12/2 to 62 cases. This report for 12/9 60 cases; dropped 2 cases only. Next week is going to be a big week. Positivity rate has dropped slightly but Middlesex County increased as well as the State. Vaccination rates range the same around 64% fully vaccinated in town. The mobile clinic on Thursday last week 96 people showed. Mostly booster shots. One covid vaccine and a few pediatric. Follow up's will be 1/6 same location from 3-7pm with Community Health Connections hosting and will be open to all residents. 90 doses should be available. State recommended booster shots for 16-17-year old's as the CDC also recommends now. Other towns Rick supports Littleton and Lancaster still have indoor mask mandates inside the entire town. Bolton strong recommendation mask indoors. Harvard has a mask recommendation for large private gatherings and similar to us, Groton, Harvard, Berlin, Ayer, Ashby and Stow. The State is not giving any recommendations they are leaving that to local officials. Omnicom in the County? Doesn't know news are reporting some but State is not informing.
- 1.4 **Move 1.11 478 Main Street Proposed Dog Grooming Business:** Rick reminded the Board at their last meeting they talked about the bedroom count. The assessors have now changed their card to a 3 bedroom which opens up 100 gallons per day capacity and the water usage numbers from the previous establishment shows that the system will support the business to 70gallons per day. **MOTION to approve dog grooming business at 478 Main Street, GB 2nd. Voting 3/0 all in favor. MOTION carries.** The Board reminded the applicant to submit water usage reports and to follow through with Zoning.
- 1.5 **198 Pierce Road Septic Upgrade:** The applicant is now decommissioning the old well and drilling a new well based on comments from the Board at their last meeting. **A MOTION was made by JL and 2nd by GB to approve the septic system pending water potability. Voting 3/0 all in favor. MOTION carries.**
- 1.6 **Lot 2 North End Road Well Variance Hearing:** New construction development off North End Road, 5-6 lots. They built the house; drilled the well but found out the well was in the wrong spot making it 16' from the property line and the regulations require 25'. Board stated the area is very wet all year around. **MOTION was made by JL and 2nd by GB to approve the variance for the well distance to the property line of 16' vs. 25'. Voting 3/0 all in favor. MOTION carries.**
- 1.7 **39 Turnpike Road Septic Upgrade:** House is for sale Title 5 failed. Plumbing in the front wetlands in the back. Full compliance but they are relocating the water line. **A MOTION was made by GB and 2nd by CN to approve the system. Voting 3/0 all in favor. MOTION carries.**
- 1.8 **109 Lunenburg Road Septic Update:** Rick informed the Board the applicant is finishing the construction of the septic but needs an extension per the Board's last motion for 10/30 and then 11/30. System is in the ground. **A MOTION was made by GB to extend the time of installation for the failed septic to 12/30/21, 2nd by JL Voting 3/0 all in favor. MOTION carries.**

- 1.9 **247 South Row Road Septic Upgrade:** Applicant has been renovating barn for years. Ultimately in-law apartment. In preparation, he is upgrading the septic **MOTION by JL to approve the upgrade 2nd by GB Voting 3/0 all in favor. MOTION carries.**
- 1.10 **9 Hickory Drive Septic Upgrade with Local Upgrade Approval:** The interdepartmental referral form is still being circulated. Existing house failed not selling just upgrading. 90 inches of fill will be needed. A local variance with reduction to offset to street 6' from 10' to keep the system out of the wetland buffer. **A MOTION was made by JL and 2nd by GB to approve the system and local variance. Voting 3/0 all in favor. MOTION passes.**
- 1.11 **130 Wallace Hill Road Septic Upgrade with local approval:** Existing house has failing system. They are proposing a Presby system. Two local approvals a) reduction in separation in bottom of system and groundwater from 4 to 3' and b) use of a sieve analysis in lieu of perk. It's pretty wet in the area. **A MOTION was made by GB and 2nd by JL to approve the septic upgrade and variances for 130 Wallace Hill Road. Voting 3/0 all in favor MOTION carries.**
- 1.12 **Stable Regulations Update:** No update.
- 1.13 **Other permits:** None
- 1.14 **Meeting Schedule 2022:** Next meeting 12/27 and after 1/10/22. Vice-Chair reminds Board this is his last meeting and will be working remotely until the spring. They agree 5:30pm is not a problem. 1/24/22 as well is confirmed.
- 1.15 **Invoices were approved as submitted.**
- 1.16 **Minutes of October 12 and 15, 2021** were approved as submitted.
- 1.17 **Future agenda items are confirmed.** The annual flyer for residents was distributed. The manure management plan for 3 Wheeler Road was discussed. They also discussed the location of retail sale for the poultry.
- 1.18 **MOTION to adjourn by JL 2nd GB to adjourn the meeting at 5:39p.m.**