



**TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Meeting Minutes**

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Board of Health

MEETING DATE: 6/9/21

TIME: 7:30PM

PLACE: Virtual Meeting – this meeting was conducted via remote participation, pursuant to the Current Executive Order.

Members Present: Marie Cannon (MC), Bryan Lynch (BL), Lori Lotterman (LL)

Members Absent:

Other Attendees: Jim Garreffo (JG), Agent for the Board, Ian Ainslie, PE, Meisner Brem Corp., Cindy Markowitz (resident)

Appointments:

7:45 PM – 114 Steele Ln- variance request.

Mr. Ainslie presented the plan to the Board and explained the reason for the requested variance to Boxborough septic regulations (#6.5). This is an existing house, system is in failure (2017) and the owner would like to increase the number of bedrooms in the house (from 4 to 5). Existing leaching area was built in 1992 and the leaching area shares easements with adjacent lots to allow the fill from the leaching areas to be placed over the lines. Replacement system will be in the same area but because of new T5 it will be larger and will be 10' from the lot line (20' required). Mr. Ainslie explained the fill for the proposed system will fit within the existing easements, a Title 5 inspection has been done on the house, and the existing tank meets current code. After reviewing the plan the Board voted to grant the variance with the following condition: well water to be tested prior to the issuance of a certificate of compliance for the septic system.

Discussions: BOH had general discussion on the following matters.

Enclave – BOH passed on information regarding the new well installation at Enclave to the Water Resource Committee. New well drilled to replace existing well of poor quality (iron/manganese).

PFAS – BL reminded all that DEP will be testing 40 private wells for PFAS as part of the discovery of PFAS in the center. New well at Enclave has low PFAS level below DEP standard but treatment will be added to the system to remove. JG explained that Stow has

a number of wells that have tested above standard for PFAS, treatment has been installed, and at least 3 areas in town are under investigation.

The Board had a discussion about the Priest Lane subdivision regarding changes made, the new Enclave well and compliance with the Board's groundwater protection regulation. JG will review plans to ensure compliance and provide Planning Board comments.

Board expressed concerns about the lack of action at the Harvard Ridge building fire: debris, food in refrigerators, rats. JG will follow up with the Building Commissioner.

JG informed the Board of a housing issue (Board of Health as dealt with in the past) which has escalated to a problem. JG has called the individual for inspection, and sent letters for an inspection with no response. JG spoke to DPH and they suggested a Notice of Hearing to bring the individual to the Board to discuss the matter. JG mentioned he could seek an administrative search warrant, but it has to be executed during the day, and the individual works long hours. JG will continue to make inspections and will send Notice of Hearing.

1.) COVID-19 updates:

JG provide the Board with an update, Boxborough case numbers are low, the regional vaccination site at Devens will close as of 6/30 (final group for 2nd doses, low participation). Masks will be required in certain situations as outlined by the Governor's revised order. Regular school district COVID update meetings will end next week.

2) ~~Correspondence~~ CORRESPONDENCES:

NO CORRESPONDENCE

3) DRINKING WATER REPORTS:

Results/Issues reviewed

1414 Massachusetts Ave. – reactivation of public water supply
155 Swanson Rd. failed device report (backflow preventor)
159 Swanson Rd failed device report (backflow preventor)

4) SDS / WWTF / Groundwater Discharge Report :

Results/issues reviewed

629 Mass Ave – exceeding total nitrogen
330 Codman Hill Rd. – exceeding total nitrogen
Harvard Ridge Condominiums - compliant
Brook Village Condominiums - compliant
Cisco Systems – Site II – pumping/hauling
Codman Hill Condominiums - compliant
1414 Massachusetts Ave. – pumping/hauling

5) FOR SIGNATUREs SIGNATURE:

Signed

__ Minutes for BOH meeting on 4/14/21