



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

**BOARD/COMMITTEE:** Board of Health

**MEETING DATE:** 1/12/22

**TIME:** 7:30PM

**PLACE:** This meeting was held virtually

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

**Members Absent:**

**Other Attendees:** Jim Garreffo (JG), Jack Maloney (JM) Dillis&Roy, Molly Obendorf (MO) Stamski & McNary, Jenna Montgomery, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.

**Appointments:**

**7:45 – 32 Spencer Rd, Unit 24M (Continuance):** The Board continued this matter to the February meeting at the same time.

**8:00 – 7 Osceola Dr. Variance request.** The sewage disposal system for this property has failed and JM presented a designed for the replacement of the system. He explained the challenges with the site well location, seasonal high-water table, high perc rate and very limited space for a leaching area. He explained the proposed GeoMat system proposed and went through the requests from Title 5 and the Board's regulations; retaining walls needed due to the area available for a leaching area. There was some discussion regarding the existing suction water line and the height of the proposed wall. The Board agreed this design represents the best feasible option and approved the applicant's request with the condition the applicant replaces the suction line with a pressure water line and test the well (Boxborough parameters). UA

**8:15 – 555 Old Harvard Rd. – Bedroom determination.** MO appeared on the applicant's behalf to discuss a discrepancy with the bedroom count for this site. Approved permit indicates it a three-bedroom house, the approved plan and Assessor's records indicates it a four-bedroom house. The applicant is looking to rehab the house and replace the failed system for the house. The determination makes a difference between whether the replacement is considered new construction or an upgrade; this may be an important consideration as the well may need to be moved and the system located in the front of the house to avoid the wetlands. The Board felt the records indicated the intent was to build a four-bedroom septic system (actual design was for a four bedroom house) and accepted that it was a four bedroom design flow based on the records. UA.

**8:30 – Public Health Educator – Nashoba Associated Board of Health.** JG introduced Jenna Montgomery as a new member of the staff (and hired with the grant Nashoba received to expand services/staff). Jenna described her worked and plans to the Board and let the Board know she was in an information and needs assessment mode to help the District provide more information to the public on matters of Public Health. She has been working on the weekly reports to the Board, improving NABH website and social media reach and working on projects for a couple of the District communities. She reminded the Board of the survey she had sent and welcomed additional comments.

**Discussions:**

Fincom: FY23 Salaries for warrant. A member of the Finance Committee was present at the meeting and asked if the Board was going to keep their salaries in their budget. The Board answered they would keep the salaries in their budget.

The Board discussed whether or not to issue a mask mandate. The Board members noted area towns instituting mandates in light of the recent surge in cases. MC noted the schools and town buildings imposed mask mandates at their discretion and private business could do the same to institute a mandate. Lisa Cote (Nashoba Valley Olympia) stated it would be easier to enforce their mandate if the town had one. JG described his experience with enforcement of the mandate as difficult, especially for businesses to enforce. LL moved and BL seconded to institute an emergency regulation requiring masks until 4/1; LL and BL yea, MC nay. JG will get the regulations published and it will take effect on 1/20/22.

The Board discussed whether the town should purchase COVID home test to distribute to those who may find it challenging to get kit. JG stated it could be helpful as a one-time purchase to get past the shortage in kits and difficulty getting tested. JG mentioned he was working with other District communities to pool order for a better price. The Board decided to request approximately 400 kits, up to approximately \$2,000. JG suggested the Chair inform the Town Administrator of their decision as the monies for the kits would need to come from the town.

1) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**REVIEWED**

- MassDep private well PFAS sampling program
- MassDep private well sampling program – the management of PFAS in your groundwater

2) **DRINKING WATER REPORTS:**

**REVIEWED**

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| • 159 Swanson Rd                 | TC absent                       |
| • 155 Swanson Rd                 | copper/lead below/ND, TC absent |
| • Cisco Site I (LPCH)            | TC absent                       |
| • Campanelli Property (Cisco II) | TC absent                       |
| • Codman Hill Condos             | TC absent                       |
| • Brook Village Condominium      | TC absent                       |
| • 84 Summer Rd – PFAS            | 16.6 ppt                        |

- 323 Hill Rd – PFAS ND
- 158 Flagg Hill Rd – PFAS ND
- 94 Flagg Hill Rd – PFAS ND
- 867 Liberty Square Rd.- PFAS 16 ppt
- 117 Coolidge Farm Rd. – PFAS ND
- 34 Middle Rd. – PFAS 181 ppt

3) SDS / WWTF / Groundwater Discharge Reports

**REVIEWED**

- Sweeney Drywall – 330 Codman Hill met TN
- Harvard Ridge compliant
- Brook Village Condo Fecal Coliform exceedance
- Codman Hill Condominium compliant
- 629 Mass Ave. no results
- Cisco Systems Site I pumping
- Cisco Systems II pumping

4) FOR SIGNATURE: NA