

LUNENBURG BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 6, 2023

The Board of Health met at 7:00 pm at the Ritter Memorial Building

Members Present: George Emond, Perry Jewell, Paul Fortin, Evan Watters and Lisa Normandin

MINUTES APPROVED

February 6, 2023

On motion by Normandin and second by Fortin, the above minutes were approved. All in favor.

1 VALLEY ROAD

The Septic Permit was originally due to expire in April of 2021, during Covid. In March of 2022, the then owner of the property requested a one year extension of the permit, which was approved until February 14, 2023. The property was then sold. The new owner would now like to begin installing the system and is asking for a one year extension to complete the work.

After discussion, and on motion by Jewell and second by Fortin, the board voted to approve the request for a one year extension. This is the last extension that will be granted. All in favor.

JEN DUFFY – RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN

Jen Duffy met with the board. Ms. Duffy had been in contact with Bridget Braley, Food Service, for Nashoba. She was requesting a Residential Kitchen Permit to produce Jellies and Jam. Ms. Duffy has a septic system and a private well. These permits have been issued in the past. Typically, if a Title 5 has not be recently completed, the board would request one. In addition, a well test can be requested.

Ms. Braley advised that “because you have a private septic a business from your home is prohibited – under Title 5 Septic Regulations. This would be considered a change in use of the property and could cause premature failure of your septic system”.

Admin. Assistant Andrea Schnepf contacted DEP and spoke with James Laughlin. There is nothing in DEP or Title 5 that disallows the issuance of a Residential Kitchen Permit if you have a septic system and there is no guidance from DEP on this issue. DEP state that at one point they considered providing guidance but there is a reduction in requests and they never issued guidance. This was then sent back to the local Board of Health to address.

Ms. Duffy stated that she is now a member of the Lunenburg Ag Commission and would like to participate in the Lunenburg Farmers Market. She has a small homestead on Goodrich Street. The volume of jelly she would produce is small. She purchased the house less than 2 years ago and there was a Title 5 completed. Her well has a double filtration system on it. As Ms. Duffy currently has a full time job, she is not considering making her home kitchen her source of income.

After discussion and on motion by Watters and second by Normandin, the board voted to approve a Home Kitchen License for Ms. Duffy. All in favor.

In addition, Chairman George Emond will pursue this with the Nashoba Board as this has an effect on all of the Nashoba towns and by extension, the farmer's markets.

STATE EARMARKS FOR SATE FY24 BUDGET

Town Manager Heather Lemieux sent general information for possible requests for State Earmarks for the State Budget. Member Evan Watters stated that as a member of the Finance Committee he is a part of this process should the Board have a request.

After discussion, the Board did not have any request.

Having no further matters before the board and on motion Normandin and seconded by Jewell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm, all in favor.