

LUNENBURG BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 4, 2020

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

Roll Call conducted by Chairman, Perry Jewell: Perry Jewell, George Emond, Paul Fortin David Passios, and Warren Mayhew Present. Also Present, Jim Garreffo, Board of Health Agent, Nashoba Associated Board of Health.

Perry Jewell prefaced the meeting with the following reading. In accordance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, please be advised that this meeting is being recorded and broadcast over Lunenburg Public Access and this meeting of the Board of Health is being conducted remotely. The Town of Lunenburg, in response to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus), is currently following the guidance from the Lunenburg Board of Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the CDC regarding the virus and steps communities can take to prevent the spread and all town facilities are currently closed to the public. In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A, Section 20, all public meetings are being conducted remotely. The Governor's Order, which you can find posted on the Town's website COVID-19 Information Center page, accessed through the Town Manager's webpage allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will feature public comment. For this meeting the Board of Health is convening by video conferencing via Zoom and FacebookLive as posted on the Town's website identifying how the public may join. For Zoom meetings, please note that this meeting is being recorded and that some attendees are participating by video conference. Accordingly please be aware that other folks may be able to see you and take care not to screen share your computer. Anything that you broadcast may be captured by the recording.

Perry Jewell then covered the ground rules for effective business and to ensure accurate meeting minutes.

MINUTES APPROVED:

February 20, 2020 minutes Motion made by Passios and second by Mayhew to approve. Roll call vote:

Fortin: Yes
Mayhew – yes
Passios: Yes
Emond – Yes
Jewell – Yes

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Bob Proctor met with the board on behalf of the owner. This system is in failure. This lot is served by a well in the front of the property. After extensively testing the site, the required four (4) feet of pervious material does not exist anywhere on the site. In addition, due to the high groundwater, a sieve analysis was performed.

Agent Jim Garreffi stated that this was a tough site, lots of ledge and the best soils, after testing, were found at the rear of the site. The proposed Presby system allows for less than 4 feet of soil and the proposed system is the best alternative for the site.

Variations requested are a reduction of the in the amount of soil to less than 4 feet as allowed with a Presby System by adding 2 feet of soil and the use of a sieve analysis in lieu of testing.

On motion by Emond and second by Passios, the board voted to approve the variations as follows by roll call vote:

Fortin: Yes
Mayhew: Yes
Passios: Yes
Emond: Yes
Jewell: Yes

The variations were approved.

Upon Motion by Emond and second by Fortin, the Board voted to allow Administrative Assistant, Andrea Schnepf, to sign septic permits on their as well act on their behalf with the permission of the Board Chairman as follows:

Mayhew: Yes
Fortin: Yes
Emond: Yes
Perry: Yes
Passios: Abstain

The motion was approved.

COVID – 19 UPDATE

Agent Jim Garreffi was present at the meeting to give an update. Mr. Garreffi stated that there have been many complaints that have been addressed including the need for masks and gloves for employees, keeping an appropriate social distance, the number of customers allows in stores. Agent Garreffi stated that he has worked with both Walmart and Hannaford to address these concerns.

Contract tracing is being done through Nashoba Associated Board of Health (Nashoba) originally with two of the nursing staff, which is now six doing contact tracing.

There is a requirement for isolation for anyone testing positive for Covid-19 for a period of 14 days. In addition, anyone feeling sick is to isolate at home for a period of 14 days.

A listing of contacts that are with 6 feet for more 15 minutes is created through contact tracing and quarantine for a period of 14 days, with follow-up by Nashoba.

The Commonwealth currently has 1,000 individuals to help with contact tracing. There is a box that can be checked on the Mavis site to request help from the Commonwealth with tracing.

Chairman Perry Jewell stated that there are concerns with privacy with regard to reporting. Currently the Commonwealth decides what the regulations and guidelines are.

Currently Walmart and Hannaford should require masks.

Plexiglass is being installed for Cashiers

The addresses are being provided to police and fire of possible or confirmed Covid-19 cases.

WHITE STREET PROPERTY

Leominster Housing Authority has requested an Order restricting visitors to the property. A sample of the Order has been provided stating no visitors are allowed. This sample has been provided to the board as well as Agent Garreffo

Chairman Jewell stated that he feels that it should be a guideline rather than an Order. We want to protect our elderly but not at the risk of locking them down.

Mayhew feels that this comes too late but would like a strong advisory rather than an Order.

Edmond feels that issuing an Order is outside the scope of this Board of Health. Mayhew agrees.

Passios doesn't feel there is a strong reason to go beyond the State's guidelines and that an advisory to the Housing Authority should be sent based on the State guidelines.

Agent Garreffo will look at the wording and provide a document in accordance with board's wishes and provide same to the Housing Authority.

With regard to State reporting of Covid-19 cases. Dave Passios stated that he feels the data is seriously flawed as it comes out of DPH notification system.

RUBISH REGULATIONS

Any further discussion of changing the rubbish regulations for Lunenburg are on hold until a later date.

64 ARBOR STREET

Passios asked about the status of the permit for the installation of a new septic tank as agreed upon. This permit has not been applied for. Mr. Woodrow has until January 2021 to install the tank.

Next Board of Health Meeting will be June 1, 2020.

On motion by Emond and second by Mayhew, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.