

LUNENBURG BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 1, 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, Warren Mayhew (partial) and Evan Watters. 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. All voting by Roll Call Votes.

Chairman Perry Jewell noted that this was the first complete meeting for new member Evan Watters. The board members introduced themselves and welcomed Evan to the board.

26 RAMGREN ROAD

Jack Maloney met with the board on behalf of the owner. Leslie Shultz, property owner, was also present. This system is in failure. This is an upgrade to a two family home. Variances being requested are:

Groundwater offset – *4 feet to 3 feet*

Sieve Analysis (High groundwater level)

Inlet and out let tees to 4" from 12".

The request for the reduction in inlet and outlet tees is required because of a plumbing change in the *accessory* housing unit. Tee elevations are controlled by the pitch of the sewage pipe exiting the foundation and the septic tank to control the flow and must be adjusted based on the heights of outlet at the foundation and the septic tank.

The water table is high so a sieve analysis was necessary. Agent Jim Garreffo has no issues with the requested variances.

After discussion an on motion by Emond and second by Fortin, the board approved the three variances with the condition that *the variance request letter* be corrected to include actual distances. All in favor by roll call vote.

23-25 HOLLIS ROAD

Doug Smith met with the Board on behalf of the owner. The system is currently in failure and this proposed *replacement* has been designed to allow for gravity flow. The site had good soils but the water table is just high enough to require a variance.

Variance requested: groundwater offset from 5 feet to 4 feet.

After discussion and on motion by Emond and second by Watters, the variances were approved. All in favor by roll call vote.

120 SUNSET LANE

Steve Marsden met with the board on behalf of the owner. The current system is in failure after 10 years. The tank was set incorrectly which made it run constantly, ultimately *overwhelming* the system. This is an existing two family home with 3 bedrooms in each side and is 60 feet above the lake.

Agent Garrefffi stated that the new system, as designed, is as far away from the lake as possible. The well servicing the property is on one side and septic systems on the other. The property has a steep grade. As a requirement of the permit *being*, approved, the existing wall will need to be checked *for* potability.

After discussion and on motion by Watters and second by Emond, the variances were approved. All in favor by roll call vote.

717 RESERVOIR ROAD

Administrative Assistant Andrea Schnepf stated that a two bedroom deed restriction was placed on this property with one bedroom in the main house and one bedroom in the unit over the garage.

Inasmuch as a new, fully compliant, septic system was installed in 2017, the current owner would like the deed restriction removed from the property.

After discussion and on motion by Fortin and second by Emond, the board voted to remove the deed restriction. All in favor by roll call vote.

COVID UPDATE

Agent Garrefffi spoke with regard to the Covid update. He stated that the biggest issue being faced now is mask wearing. We are receiving many complaints that masks either are not be worn properly or not being worn at all. We try and educate as to the guideline and requirements, especially with retail establishments. If businesses continue with non-compliance, escalated enforcement could become necessary.

Currently, bars can only be open with a food service license and the food must be prepared on site. No bar service is allowed.

The board does have the ability to fine as well as close down a business for noncompliance when the following have been completed:

Verbal warning

Written warning
Fine a maximum of \$300.00/day
Serve a cease and desist order
Summons a business to District Court

Administrative Assistant asked if the board would be will to set a dollar amount to fine a business, should that be necessary. Chairman George Emond stated that no, it would have to come before the board again before a fine could be issued.

Agent Jim Garrefffi stated that the Town Beach is now open. Lunenburg's beach is unique in that you have to walk through the building in order to access the beach. He stated that they have done a good job in opening and managing the beach as there have been no issues.

Hickory Hills beach was closed due to high E-Coli counts, which is unrelated to Covid 19.

Agent Garrefffi stated that school openings are under the control and direction of each individual town based on the Health conditions in that town. The reopening guidelines are available on the website.

Warren Mayhew was no longer a part of the meeting.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Nominations as follows:

Chairman George Emond nomination by Paul Fortin
Vice Chairman Perry Jewell nominated by Paul Fortin
Secretary – Paul Fortin nominated by Perry Jewell

On motion by Paul Fortin and second by George Emond the above were elected. All in favor

Perry Jewell – Yes
George Emond – yes
Paul Fortin – Yes
Evan Watters – Yes

Having no further matters before the board and on Motion by Emond and seconded by Watters, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. By roll call vote, all in favor.