

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
May 20, 2019**

PRESENT: Matthew Newman (Chair), Thomas Driscoll, Sheila Landy (Secretary), and Lisa Cullity (Health Agent).

6:00 MR. NEWMAN OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:09 PM AND READ THE STATEMENT REGARDING AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING

BOARD REORGANIZATION – Reorganization of the Board with newly elected member Thomas Driscoll

The Chair welcomed Mr. Driscoll to the Board. The Chair nominated Mr. Driscoll as the Chair. Driscoll seconded and all were in favor. Mr. Driscoll has served on the Board before. The new Chair nominated Mr. Newman to be the Clerk, Newman seconded and all were in favor. The Chair nominated Gary Fine as member, Newman seconded and all were in favor.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Variance Request – 57 Misty Meadow Rd

The homeowner withdrew his variance request.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Variance Request – 86 Phillips Road

15.405 (l)h – A reduction in the setback of SAS to public water supply tributary.

Required – 200' Proposed – 128'

15.405 (l)h – A reduction in the setback of tank to public water supply tributary.

Required – 200' Proposed – 101'

The Agent stated it was maximum feasible compliance considering its location between two ponds. Newman made motions to accept the variances, Driscoll seconded and all were in favor.

HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT

The Health Agent updated the Board of Office Activity which has been routine. The Agent did have a conversation with the MA DEP regarding 79 Adams. No decision has been made yet.

There was a stray pipe from a home on Lorna Ave emptying into the catch basin. The homeowner is making an effort to rectify the situation. The septic at the location needs updating and the owner is moving forward.

At the last meeting the office was asked to review the status of the objectives the Board would like to accomplish.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM – Topics for Future Considerations by the Board

The Agent mentioned Livestock Density as a future topic. The Agent asked for clarity on its decision at the last meeting to make cesspools an automatic failure. Some homes have a cesspool and leachate where the cesspool is acting as a septic tank. Can the cesspool be replaced by a septic tank? The Board stated it should be taken case by case with the homeowner/engineer appearing before the Board. Upgrading well regulations should be looked at soon. Should we require a Soil Evaluation with at Title V Inspection? Some Title V Reports come in with inaccurate water table measurements. This would add up to \$1,000 to the cost of a Title V Inspection. Pond pollution: Should we have a buffer banning fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides within a certain distance of our ponds? Streamlining variances have come up frequently in the past. This would allow the Agent to sign off on five specific variances which have never been denied by the Board in the past. This would cut the wait time for approval by one to three weeks. The last two topics are rescheduling of meetings and a review of food establishment re-inspection fees.

The Chair stated he was ready to act now on the streamlining of variances. Mr. Newman made a motion to allow the Agent to approve the following five variances:

1. A reduction in the separation from ground water of 1 foot (from Pembroke's upgrade regulations to the state regulations).

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2. A reduction in the separation of ten feet from footings down to five feet from SAS, and footings (if installed after system) are hand dug.
3. A reduction in the separation of twenty feet from cellar wall down to ten feet from SAS provided that a rubber membrane is installed.
4. A reduction in the design flow from Pembroke Upgrade regulation of 150 gallons per day per bedroom to state requirement of 110 gallons per day per bedroom when the property size is small and/or abutting surface water.
5. Allow the use of a 1,500 gallon plastic tank in place of a 1,500 precast cement tank where the access or topography requires it.

The Chair seconded and all were in favor.

UPCOMING ISSUES

Livestock Regulations

The Chair wants to begin discussions at the next meeting.

The Agent mentioned the staff vacation schedule. The Chair stated the meeting schedule would be looked at a future meeting

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Approve Minutes of April 8, 2019 and May 6, 2019

The Chair tabled the minutes until the next meeting.

The Chair made a motion to meet once a month unless an additional meeting is needed. Newman amended and seconded the motion to have the meetings on Mondays or Wednesday. All were in favor.

Newman made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p. m., the Chair seconded and all were in favor.

Thomas Driscoll
Chair