



## **MINUTES OF THE PEMBROKE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**March 16, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.**

**Board of Health Office, Town Hall Room #5**

**PRESENT:** Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Matthew Newman (Clerk), Adam Gedutis (Member), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), George Verry (Building Commissioner and Zoning Enforcement Officer) and Art Egerton (Pembroke Town News).

Chair Driscoll opened the meeting at 6:00pm and read the statement regarding the recording of the Meeting.

Chair Driscoll opted to take the Beaver discussion first.

**BOARD DISCUSSION** – Discuss Beaver Dam in Great Cedar Swamp and vote any action required by the Board of Health.

The Health Agent informed the Board a beaver has taken up residence in Great Cedar Swamp. The dam was discovered while the Fisheries Commission was cleaning/clearing the water ways for the herring. The procedure for moving a wild animal from its habitat is a well documented procedure. The Board of Health has to confirm whether the animal is a clear and present danger to human health and safety. The Agent checked the dam and the surrounding neighborhoods, and this beaver does not meet that criterion. If the Board determines the animal is not a danger, Mr. Willard Boulter, the Pembroke Herring Fisheries Commission Superintendent, can appeal to the local Conservation Commission and to MA Fisheries and Wildlife and ask to remove it on behalf of the herring. Matt Newman made a motion to reject the emergency permit to remove the beaver requested by the Pembroke Herring Fisheries Commission, Gedutis seconded, and all were in favor. The Agent stated she would notify the necessary boards and commissions of the Board of Health's action so they may continue the process to remove the beaver from Great Cedar Swamp.

**BOARD DISCUSSION** – Discuss the site visit at Center Street and discuss future possible action.

The Health Agent explained this property has had issues going back to the 1950's and has a storied past. All the town paperwork identifies this as a single property with a house and a restaurant. It has never been subdivided. It is all one system. The field is under the parking lot of the restaurant. The space between the restaurant and house are septic tanks including the grease trap for the restaurant. There is also a pump chamber. 300 Center Street does not have a functioning septic system. The lower part is most likely in the water table. Grady Consulting is working on a septic plan to bring it all to code. The house is occupied. George Verry has concerns with the number of vehicles on the property and has been trying to have the property cleaned up for quite some time. Zoning is issuing fines at the rate of \$900 per day (\$100 per day per unregistered vehicle). All Board members stated all violations need to be corrected. Verry stated no building permits would be issued until the current violations and fines are resolved. Newman asked to table the discussion for now and meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> along with Mr. Verry to vote action on this matter. The Chair tabled the discussion as requested and set the next meeting for Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Health Agent's Report**

COVID cases are still down. Perc tests and installations are up. Several homes are almost ready to go on the market.

**BOARD ACTION ITEM** – Vote to accept the Minutes of March 2, 2022.

Newman made a motion to a Vote to accept the Minutes of March 2, 2022 as written. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor.

At 6:46, Newman made a motion to adjourn, Gedutis seconded, and all were in favor.