



MINUTES OF THE PEMBROKE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

March 28, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.
Board of Health Office, Town Hall Room #5

PRESENT: Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Adam Gedutis (Member), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), Sheila Landy (BoH Secretary), Norina Perry (Resident) and Maureen Jasie (Board of Health Candidate).

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

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Variance Request for a deck at 193 Center St.

The homeowner wants to put a deck around her home to allow her husband with mobility challenges to enjoy outside access to the yard. Medical issues prohibit him from enjoying the area outside his home. The Agent explained the homeowner is looking to reduce the setback of a footing from the septic tank from 10' to 3'.

The Chair made a motion to grant the request for a variance to reduce the setback from the footing to the tank from 10' to 3' with the requirement closest footing to the tank be dug by hand. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss and Possible Vote Percolation Expirations

The Agent explained the state does not have any stipulation for expiration dates for percolation tests. People are supposed to request an extension of a perc test as long as the land still is untouched. The problem is there are at least three systems in the last two years where someone decided to use old perc tests soil evaluations to design a new system and when digging out those systems, unfortunately, found the soil did not match the existing paperwork. In many cases, the original engineer, soil evaluator may not be working anymore or perhaps deceased. This makes it difficult to confirm the testing processed used. The Agent would like perc tests/soil evaluations expire after five (5) years unless the original engineer/soil evaluator/firm is the engineer/soil evaluator/firm of the current project. Gedutis made a motion to disallow the use of soil logs and/or percolation older than five years unless the original engineer is the current engineer of the project. Any percolation test that has appeared before the Board to extend its validity will be grandfathered. There is only one parcel on record. Driscoll seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss and Vote Condemnation of 300 Center St.

The Board has discussed this property many times. Driscoll asked Gedutis if he anything to add to the discussion. Both agreed it had all been said in prior meetings. The Agent said a Septic Repair Plan had been submitted late this afternoon. This is a huge project that will probably take at least two weeks to review. She also said this project will cost \$100,000 to \$125,000 at a minimum. She also said the Engineer for the project knew this was probably going to happen and informed the owner. The BoH Office did notify the owner of this meeting. Neither the engineer nor owner seemed to object as the restaurant is not open and there will be extensive renovations undertaken. The property was purchased with a known septic failure. Driscoll made a motion to condemn 300 Center St in its entirety. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote to accept the Minutes of March 16, 2022.

The Chair asked Gedutis if he had read the minutes and he answered in the affirmative. The Chair made a motion to accept the minutes of March 16, 2022. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

COVID cases are extraordinarily low. We are moving into our high septic season. The Agent is completing livestock inspections. These are normally done in the fall but because of COVID and weather the inspections were delayed. She has about a third of the inspections done and expects to be finished by the end of the week. She will be on vacation April 1 to April 10. Coverage has been secure for any emergencies. Livestock numbers are down. The state is keeping a close eye on avian flu as well equine outbreaks. The Agent said the Board should try to have a forum with the Livestock Subcommittee in late May or June.

Gedutis made a motion to adjourn, Driscoll seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 6:15