



MINUTES OF THE PEMBROKE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

May 5, 2022 at 5:15 P.M.

Board of Health Office, Town Hall Room #5

PRESENT: Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Adam Gedutis (Member), Matt Newman (called in for partial meeting), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), and Sheila Landy (BoH Secretary).

Chair Driscoll opened the meeting at 5:15pm and read the statement about the recording of the Meeting. Newman called in remotely.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Variance Request for a septic system at 29 Adams Ave

This home is on Oldham Pond. The lot is small with five bedrooms. There were six variances requested. The Agent explained the variances and why they were necessary. Cullity stated the system meets maximum feasible compliance.

The Chair moved the variance as written. Gedutis seconded and a roll call vote was taken. Driscoll, yes; Gedutis, yes; Newman, yes (3-0-0).

The Chair decided to take 300 Center St next.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss status of 300 Center St and vote any further action required

The Agent spoke with the property owner, and he stated the people in the home are not in the home at his request or with his permission. Nor are all the property/items about the property. He did say the counters and sinks on the property are his and someone is supposed to pick it up. He has cleaned up most of the trash around the property. Driscoll asked about the collapsed septic tank and if had been covered by a steel plate. The Agent said not yet. The Agent stated it was important for the Town from a legal perspective to know whether or not it was the intention of the owner to continue to have the property occupied. He understands the septic is in failure and he does not want the property occupied. If the property is not occupied, it is not required to comply with Title 5. It would be required to comply with Title 5 before the restaurant could be opened. It is his intention to do so, and we do have plans submitted that are approved. The Conservation Commission will be voting on it tonight. The Town Manager stated no other permits would be issued until all violations are corrected (BoH and Zoning). Driscoll asked if they knew the property is next to a pond. Driscoll asked if it was now the owner's job to get the residents out of the property. The Agent said we need to hear from Town Counsel. The Chair asked the Agent to ask the installer to get a plate over the collapsed tank. He asked the agent to get a status from the Town Manager and Town Counsel and the steps required to move forward with Plymouth Court. If the plate is not put over the tank as soon as possible, the Board will consider fines. At some point, Newman dropped from the call.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote to accept the Minutes of March 28, 2022.

Gedutis made a motion to accept the minutes of March 28, 2022/ The Chair seconded and both were in favor.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Today we had 16 cases of Covid: 4 kids and 7 affected households. Hospitalizations are down. We are giving away a case per day on average. The Board will be seeing changes (tightening) of tobacco regulations on TH8. The state wants mandatory suspensions for first offense by retail establishments. DOR is out doing sting operations on retail stores that are underreporting sales. There is a rooster on Chapel St. The Agent has heard them in the early morning. We have loose ducks on Plymouth St which was addressed with the owner. The Agent and the Animal Control officer will follow up Monday.

Gedutis made a motion to adjourn, Driscoll seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 5:47