

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
November 18, 2019**

PRESENT: Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Matt Newman (Clerk), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent) and Art Egerton (PTN Reporter)

CHAIR DRISCOLL OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:00 PM AND READ THE STATEMENT REGARDING AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss and vote Variance Request for 15 Old Colony Avenue Septic Repair

Variances requested from the Richard Grady plan:

1. 310 CMR 15.405 (1)(b) – TO ALLOW A REDUCTION IN THE REQUIRED SETBACK TO A CELLAR WALL FOR A SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM 20 FEET TO 10 FEET.
2. 310 CMR 15.211 (1) – TO ALLOW A REDUCTION IN THE REQUIRED SETBACK TO A PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY FOR A SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM FROM 100 FEET TO 63.1 FEET.
3. 310 CMR 15.203 TO ALLOW DESIGN OF A SEPTIC SYSTEM USING 110 GPD INSTEAD OF 150 GPD.

Newman made a motion to accept the variance, Driscoll seconded and Driscoll seconded and the motion carried.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discussion and Vote regarding letter to Governor Baker regarding Natural Gas

Dr. Steven Jones appeared before the Board several months ago asking the Board to sign a letter to Governor Charles Baker regarding the hazards of natural gas and the studies that have been done. The Board was concerned they only had Dr. Jones' data (just one source). Newman made a motion to draft a letter to the Governor requesting more studies be done to evaluate the dangers of natural gas. Driscoll seconded and the motion carried.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote to accept the Minutes of September 30, 2019 and October 15, 2019
Newman made a motion to accept the Minutes of September 30, 2019, Driscoll seconded and the motion carried.
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BOARD ACTION ITEM – Mattakeesett Street Rooster Update and possible vote

The roosters have not been heard much. They were heard a few times after the deadline but not since they were cleared by the State to be moved. At the time the State tested the birds, they also performed a barn inspection. An annual barn inspection is required by the State. This is normally done by the Health Agent. The Health Agent will ask Ms. Bergin for proof the roosters are gone prior to issuing a 2020 Livestock Permit.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

The Agent updated the Board on office and field activity. Percs are down to a couple per week. The Agent attended the Massachusetts Health Officers Association (MHOA) Conference last week. It was a three day conference. She attended a course on food truck and food truck safety. Another good one was on HACCP plans which covered how to protect the public from foodborne outbreaks specific to a particular food or process. Another was on septic alternatives. The Agent was able to get the Continuing Education Credits to retain her state licensure. The Town has yet to have its annual Pre-Winter Emergency Preparedness meeting. The Agent will be reaching out to the Police Chief and the Fire Chief to plan that. The Town did have a fantastic Emergency Management Training specific to the Town of Pembroke. An outside contractor came to the High School to train PEMA about dealing with citizens of differing abilities. There is a table talk exercise coming up in February or March.

The Chair asked about availability for the next meeting to be held in December. After some discussion, the Chair stated the meeting would be December 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Newman made a motion to adjourn at 6:22pm, Driscoll seconded and all were in favor.

Thomas Driscoll
Chair