

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
December 17, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Matthew Newman (Chair), Gary Fine (Clerk), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), Sheila Landy (Secretary), Art Egerton (PTN Reporter), Steven M. Smith (Resident – Variance), Terry McGovern (Engineer for 452 Plymouth St), Nancy Funder (Food Inspector), Kathleen DeVasto-Piemonté (Food Inspector), Kaitlyn Bergin, and Charles Mathieson (WATD Reporter).

**6:00 CHAIR NEWMAN OPENED THE MEETING AND READ THE STATEMENT REGARDING AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING**

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – Steven M. Smith – 21 Greenwood Avenue**

Mr. Smith was request a reduction in setback slab foundation to leaching pit from 10' to 8'. Smith is replacing his small one car garage with a larger garage to accommodate his hobbies. 12 Greenwood Ave is a pre-existing, non-conforming property that has appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals several times already for this project. The ZBA is requiring a 40' setback from the street resulting in the request for a 2' reduction. Chair Newman made a motion to accept the variance as requested. Fine abstained and the motion died on the floor. The Health Agent escorted Mr. Smith the ZBA Meeting to inform them of the denial and the reason why the Board wanted a wide berth from the leaching pits.

**6:15 SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – Variance Request - Stenbeck & Taylor – 452 Plymouth Street**  
Abutters were notified but none attended. Terrence McGovern requested 3 setback variances:

1. 15.405 REDUCTION IN SETBACK FROM SEPTIC TANK TO PROPERTY LINE FROM 10' TO 7' DUE TO LACK OF AREA BETWEEN HOUSE AND PROPERTY LINE.
2. 15.405 REDUCTION IN SETBACK FROM SEPTIC TANK TO FOUNDATION FROM 10' TO 8' DUE TO LACK OF AREA BETWEEN HOUSE AND PROPERTY LINE.
3. 15.405 REDUCTION IN SETBACK FROM SEWAGE SYSEM TO FOUNDATION FROM 20' TO 10.

Fine made a motion to accept the three variances as stated, the Chair seconded and the motion passed.

**6:30 SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – Nancy Funder and Kathleen DeVasto-Piemonté**

Meet the Inspectors – Discussed job description, requirements, responsibilities and new MA Retail Food Permitting and Inspections requirements. The Health Agent inspects the schools and the grocery stores. The contracted inspectors divide the rest of the Town geographically. There has been no guidance from the state regarding the changes in the Food Code.

**\*\*7:15 SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – Variance request – Brett Sesnewicz – 59 Gorham Ave –**  
Foundation to field setback reduction from 20' to 13'

The homeowner requested the following variance:

- 15.405 REDUCTION IN SETBACK FROM SEWAGE SYSEM TO FOUNDATION FROM 20' TO 13'

The resident is putting a porch and addition on the back of his house. The building department is requiring a full foundation instead of the slab he originally planned. One corner of the foundation will come within 13' of the corner of the leaching field. Fine made a motion to allow Foundation to field setback reduction form 20' to 13'. Newman seconded and all were in favor.

**BOARD ACTION ITEM – Accept the Minutes of October 29, 2018**

The Chair made a motion to accept the minutes of October 29, 2018 as written. Fine accepted and all were in favor.

**HEALTH AGENT REPORT**

The Health Agent ran through her report. Fine request the Agent reach out to the owner on Woodbine.

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**BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM – Livestock Regulations**

The Board went through the Livestock Handbook Part 1 line by line and corrected grammar. Kaitlyn Bergin raised the issue of Rabies Vaccinations for Goats and stated there isn't one specifically for goats. The Agent said the Handbook was routine years ago and may not have been researched. Newman made a motion to accept the changes made to Part I, Sections A through L in the Livestock Handbook. Fine seconded and all were in favor.

At 8:16pm, Chair Newman made a motion to adjourn. Fine seconded and all were in favor.

Matthew Newman  
Chair