

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE VIRTUAL MINUTES
September 29, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s.18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Pembroke Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Pembroke website, at <https://www.pembroke-ma.gov/home/news/governors-order-suspendingcertain-provisions-open-meeting-law>.

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REMOTELY PRESENT: Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Matt Newman (Clerk), Adam Gedutis (Member), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), Sheila Landy (Secretary), and Terry McGovern (Stenbeck and Taylor).

CHAIR DRISCOLL OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:00 PM

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Update and discussion on Woodbine Avenue

The project is shovel ready. A contractor has been picked and work will be done when his schedule permits. The Chairman made a motion to postpone any action to be taken on 58 Woodbine until the next scheduled meeting October 13, 2020. Newman seconded and all were in favor (3-0 vote).

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discussion and Vote Variance Request for 71 Plymouth St

Terry McGovern (the engineer from Stenbeck & Taylor) explained the requested variance request. This is an undeveloped residential lot. It was approved back in the 1980's. He is requesting a variance from 100' to 54' from wetlands on the property and 67' from the wetlands across the street. The project still needs to go before the Conservation Board. It does not need to go to Zoning. The Chair asked for a motion. Newman made a motion to accept the variance as written. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor (3-0 vote).

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discussion and Vote Variance Requests for 175 Wampatuck St

The Health Agent stated this is an extremely small lot on Oldham Pond. The only other option is a tight tank. The variances are extensive but are of maximum feasible compliance. Newman made a motion to accept the variances as written. Driscoll seconded and all were in favor (3-0 vote).

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discussion and Vote Well Variance Request for 19 Mattakeesett St

The Health Agent stated this is a very small and condo-ized property. Each structure has its own septic system. The structure requesting the well is used as a commercial property. The other structure on the property is being used as a residential property. The well is for irrigation and will be less than 100 feet from its own septic system. It will not encroach on the septic system of the residential property. The Chair asked for comments. Newman asked if the owner was aware of the requirements for placement. Newman made a motion to accept the variance as written. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor (3-0 vote).

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discussion and Vote Representative to PTAD

Matt Newman has served as the Board of Health Liaison to Pembroke Titans Against Drugs (PTAD) and stated he would like to be reappointed to the position. The Chair stated PTAD was extremely important and made a motion to reappoint Newman as liaison to PTAD. Newman seconded and all were in favor (3-0 vote).

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July 20, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote Minutes of August 11, 2020

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the minutes of August 11, 2020. Newman made a motion to accept the minutes of August 11, 2020 as written. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor (3-0 vote).

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Mosquitos – the Agent expects the first frost within the next week or two. There is no increase in EEE counts or West Nile. Overall mosquito count since the spraying has remained low.

COVID Update – there are no plans to cancel Halloween by either PEMA or Mass Department of Health. She reminded the public to keep in mind in gatherings are limited to 25 people inside and 50 people outside. COVID numbers are beginning to climb slightly in Pembroke. It is not yet a community spread. Most are related to travel or work outside of Pembroke. Schools are doing a great job distancing and what needs to be done, especially the students.

Lastly the Agent stated we are ending the year with almost as many septic installations and application before the Board as in any year which is remarkable due to COVID.

The Health Department is doing flu shot clinics this year and advises everyone get a flu shot, especially with COVID around.

The Chair asked the Agent if one child in a class, gets COVID, what is the protocol? The Agent said every school and classroom gets thoroughly fogged every night. Policies for hygiene, cleanliness of equipment and desks is in place. Every child has their own materials and are not allowed to share. They are always kept six feet apart.

Newman had to leave the meeting for another commitment at 6:33pm.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Gedutis made a motion to adjourn, Driscoll seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 6:35pm.

Thomas Driscoll
Chair