

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
October 29, 2018**

PRESENT: Matthew Newman (Chair), Gail McSweeney (Member), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), Sheila Landy (Secretary), Ryan Craig (Videographer PACTV), Art Egerton (PTN) and Suzanne Burke (student observing the meeting).

6:05 MR. NEWMAN OPENED THE MEETING AND READ THE STATEMENT REGARDING AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING

6:00 SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – John Poirier – Wolves’ Den – 340 Oak Street
Mr. Poirier did not attend. He had informed the secretary he might have to work.

6:15 SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – Annie O’Donnell – 18 N. Boundary Road Variance request
Withdrawn at the owner’s request

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Variance Request – 57 Lady Slipper Circle – On Grade Excavating
This variance was to replace a leaking concrete 1,500 gallon septic tank with a plastic 1,500 gallon septic tank due to topography, an added deck and the inability for heavy equipment to lower the tank in the proper place. This variance was approved via email by the Chairman and Mr. Fine due to time constraints for the homeowner. The Agent suggested the Board should examine the possibility of allowing plastic tanks as a norm in the future. McSweeney asked the Health Agent to gather some statistics regarding the durability of plastic tanks as well as their pros/cons.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Variance Request – 881 Center Street – McGlone Engineering Plan
This variance was a reduction of setback of the field from the foundation from 20’ to 14’ feet. This variance was passed by an email roll call with Chair Newman and Mr. Fine voting for it. It was expediting in order to assure the bank the plan was approved, the septic would be installed and the closing could proceed.. Al Wood started the job today (Monday, October 29, 2018).

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Variance Request – 40 Yale Road – McGlone Engineering Plan
This is a variance for reduction of separation from seasonal high water table from 5’ to 4’. This a Town owned property being auctioned off . It is located near Chandler Mill. McSweeney made a motion for the reduction of the separation from groundwater from 5’ to 4’. The Chair seconded and all were in favor.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Variance Request – 71 Furnace Lane – McGlone Engineering Plan
There were several variances:

McSweeney made a motion to accept the variance request for a reduction in the separation between the bottom of the S.A. S. and the maximum seasonal high water table from 5.0’ to 4.0’. The Chair Seconded and all were in favor.

McSweeney made a motion to accept the variance request for a reduction in the setback of S.A.S. to public water supply - tributary required from 200’ to 100’. The Chair Seconded and all were in favor.

McSweeney made a motion to accept the variance request for a reduction in the setback of tank to public water supply – tributary required from 200’ to 83’. The Chair Seconded and all were in favor.

McSweeney made a motion to accept the variance to allow S.A.S. to be sized using Title V’s 110 gallons per day/bedroom. The Chair Seconded and all were in favor.

McSweeney made a motion to require H2O loading on all components. The Chair Seconded and all were in favor.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Accept the Minutes of September 10, 2018 and September 24, 2018
Tabled by the Chair because Mr. Fine was absent and Ms. McSweeney did not attend the meetings.

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HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT

Percs are slowing down. Still a lot of properties changing hands. Title V Inspections average around 10 per month. The Agent has started gathering information regarding poultry regulations in nearby towns. She is researching regulations regarding fertilizer and ponds. A Boy Scout came into the office enquiring about hydrilla. He is considering doing his Eagle Scout Project on aquatic hitchhikers and the importance of cleaning your boat when leaving a body of water.

30 Hobomock is in full compliance with their livestock.

Mosquitos – Mosquitos are on the decline due to cold weather. The state has cancelled their mosquito testing. Please be aware ticks are still a problem and use DEET.

Pembroke Woods Drive – There was a water leak not repaired properly. There is some mold and they were cited for a housing violation. Repairs should be done soon.

PEMA – A new planner has been hired by Plymouth County. Pembroke's EDS is considered one of the better ones around. A full drill is being planned and it will take place at Pembroke High School. Other towns will be invited and will attend. This will involve Fire, Police, Health Office and nurses. The library and all the Housing Developments have generators (Housing has it just in the common areas).

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM – Update on Plastic Bag Ban Subcommittee

The Plastic Bag Initiative passed at Town Meeting. The Chair wanted to ask Mr. Fine if the Plastic Bag Subcommittee was going to continue but Mr. Fine was not at the meeting. The bylaw will not go into effect until ratified by the Attorney General.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM – Discuss Pond Pollution Safeguards

McSweeney said the packet from Mr. Thorne when back to 2000 and she knows there are more recent reports. She would like to look into it more. Newman asked to share any information she finds with the secretary and she will make copies to distribute to the other Board members.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM – Streamlining Variances

The Agent gave a list of variances that historically have never been denied. This would allow residents to move on with their projects. McSweeney asked for list of variances and the procedure for doing so. She asked that the Board be notified on a weekly basis with a log and the actual variances write-ups be in their meeting packet.

UPCOMING ISSUES

Rooster Regulations

The Chairman passed out information regarding local Rooster regulations in the area and said it will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Chair made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm. Ms. McSweeney seconded and all were in favor.

Matthew Newman
Chair