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BOARD OF HEALTH

September 13, 2022

Members Present:

Matt Gagner, Chair

Pete Lancette, Vice Chair

Jon Sanborn, Member

Others Present:

James Philbrook-Health Director

- Chair, Matt Gagner, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Member Jon Sanborn made a motion to accept the August 23, 2022, minutes. Vice Chair Peter seconded, all in favor.
- Well Variance for 97 Nugget Drive
 - Jason Dubois of DC Engineering was in attendance to discuss this variance as well as Steve Fornari of 97 Nugget Drive and Karl Menschel of 99 Nugget Drive.
 - Steve mentioned that three houses have been sharing a well for 21 years. The woman's property that the well was on, 101 Nugget Drive, sent both Steve and Karl a letter that she would no longer share the well with them and they needed to find their own water source. Jay is proposing a new well dug on 99 Nugget Drive to share with 97 Nugget Drive. This well will be less than 100 feet from 97 Nugget Drive's leach field, but greater than 50 feet from tight tank on 99 Nugget Drive.
 - Chair Matt Gagner stated that this is clearly a hardship, and he has no problem with the placement of this new well. Vice Chair Peter made a motion to accept the proposal of the well less than 100 feet from the leach field at 97 Nugget Dr. and greater than 50 feet of the Tight Tank located at 99 Nugget Drive. Jon seconded the motion and all in favor. Jason pointed out that the 50 feet from the Tight Tank is not a variance as this is acceptable. There was also no problem with the fact that they are sharing the well. It was three houses sharing and now it is only two houses.
- Well Variance request for 41 Oxford Road
 - Glen Ellis was in attendance to discuss this Variance. He would like to drill a new well 8.5 feet from his garage and 8.5 from his property line. It is 100 feet from the septic system that was just installed across the street. He is replacing a well that is up against the house and is shallow. Jim Philbrook has reviewed this plan

and the prior plan was all approved before the new septic system was put in across the street. Matt doesn't see any issue with this. Jon made a motion to accept the plan as proposed for 41 Oxford Road well location, Peter second and all in favor.

- Fresh City at Mass Pike West request to reopen
 - A surprise inspection was conducted by Jim Philbrook and his assistant Kim Buccini. Several violations were noted including a leaky ceiling that had water dripping on the food. They shut the restaurant down immediately. Once this happens, the authority to open the restaurant back up is the decision of the Board. The owner asked if they could reopen after they made the corrections and Matt granted them permission if Jim feels as though it is okay. This would be revisited at the Board meeting today. The owner asked to extend the meeting with the Board because he could not make it to this meeting. Matt wanted to have a conversation about it with the Board. Peter feels that they should have respect for the Board and come in to explain why these things happened. Jim believes there is a problem with management. The question is "Is this Board willing to extend them to be open knowing that Jim has inspected them, and all is good". Jim says it will be checked daily until they come in front of the Board.
 - Peter made a motion to allow Fresh City at the Mass Pike West to stay open for the next three weeks with the condition that if any violations arise on a spot check they will be closed until the owner or manager comes in front of the Board. Any violation would be an immediate suspension of the license until they come before the Board. Jon seconded and motion passed.
- Old Business
 - Flint Rd. Landfill-state letting us test semi-annually instead of quarterly. This will save the town some money, so that is good news.
 - PFAS-DEP will be enforcing new testing program and some homes can be tested on Berry Corner Road that will be paid for by Casella. The residents do not want testing.
- Department Head Reports-James Philbrook
 - Jim discussed the horrible conditions at the Mass Pike rest stops in the parking lots.
 - The Shared Services Inspector Job has been posted. We have gotten about 25 applications, but not too many are qualified. We will post second position once the other 4 towns decide what they need. We don't need any title 5 inspectors as Tom Purcell is doing a fantastic job. He gets things done right away.
 - Still trying to get vehicle for the department.
 - Public Health and Case Tracing Nurses are still doing a great job on tracking cases of Covid19 and now monkey pox is part of mandatory reporting as well.
 - Superintendent asked for testing kits for the schools. We have them in the office for them.
 - Jim discussed how the water will be taken care of for Bay Path Regional.
- Other Business Not known at time of posting
 - None

- Next meeting will be October 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Kim Buccini will be in attendance to discuss Fresh City Mass Pike West.
- Jon made a motion to adjourn, Peter seconded all in favor 7:00 p.m.