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**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 12, 2021**

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**ATTENDEES: ~~Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Chairperson~~
Bonnie Murray, Member
Rosemary Decie, RS, Health Agent
Linda Samler, RN, Public Health Nurse
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.**

This Board of Health meeting was held at the Groveland Fire Station meeting room at 181 Main St. This meeting was conducted via Zoom, meeting ID 832 839 34226, Passcode 009272

Meeting Open: 6:51 PM

AGENDA:

The first agenda is 3 Murray Ave., Well, 2 variance requests. Jim Scanlan, Scanlan Engineering, LLC, PO Box 906, Georgetown, MA was in attendance accompanied by homeowner Richard Sullivan. Mark Bentsen, 5 Murray Ave. was also in attendance. Kadar-Hull asked Lori Bentsen to leave the room during the time the Board discussed this agenda item. Jim told the Board that the homeowner would like to install a private well to service his home, irrigation system and fill his inground swimming pool. Jim said he was very limited as to the well's location because the area is developed with homes and septic systems. Therefore, Jim said he is requesting variances from Groveland well regulations on two (2) abutting properties. The variances being requested are 32 feet from the shared property line at 5 Murray Ave. and 42 feet from the shared property line at 2 Sunset Circle. Murray said to Jim that it appears to her from viewing his locus map that another property on Sunset Circle would also be affected by the proposed well. Jim said you are correct, my error and it would affect 4 Sunset Circle as well. Rosemary said Board of Health regulations require a private well to be 50 feet from an abutter's property line. Rosemary said all the homes in this area have town water so in her opinion there is no hardship that necessitates requesting variances on three abutting properties. Kadar-Hull stated her concern is if the septic system at 5 Murray Ave. fails and needs to be moved to the backyard it would not be compliant with town and state Title 5 regulations of 100 foot setback to a private well. Kadar-Hull and Murray said they also have concerns about a heavy well drilling rig being driven over Mr. Sullivan's septic tank and leach field. Kadar-Hull asked Richard Sullivan why he wanted to abandon town water and install a well. Richard Sullivan said it is costing him \$2,500 a year to fill his swimming pool and water his grass. Kadar-Hull said that

one abutter is in attendance and she asked Jim if the other two abutters were notified and Jim said they were not notified. Kadar-Hull said the Board would ~~entertain having another meeting after the other two abutters have been notified.~~ Murray agreed and said the other abutters need to know what's going on. Richard Sullivan said he will pursue installing a well for irrigation only. Richard Sullivan said he will withdraw his variance requests for a private well without prejudice. Kadar-Hull made a motion to approve the withdrawal of two variance requests, Murray seconded and it was a unanimous vote. Jim said he will submit plans for an irrigation well.

Second agenda item is 94/96 Washington St., 1 variance request. Rosemary told the Board that this is an old system and needs to be replaced. Rosemary said that there are wetland issues and the engineer has filed a GNOI with the Conservation Commission. Rosemary said due to a restricted area and proximity to Mill Pond a Presby Enviro-Septic system will be installed. The variance request is; 310 CMR 15.212, Reduction in groundwater separation to bottom bed of S.A.S. from 5 feet REQUIRED to 3 feet PROVIDED w/Presby Treatment System. Murray made a motion to approve one (1) variance request for 94/96 Washington St., Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Third agenda item is public health nurse update (home vaccination program). Murray asked Linda how we are doing with Covid cases. Linda told the Board that we have 2 cases and over this past weekend 1 suspected case. Linda said that she called Nichols Village to check on number of residents that have been vaccinated and was told their vaccination rate for their residents is 97%. Linda said she was told that the rate for their staff is lower 75-80% due to the fact that some of their staff are 17 and 18 years of age. Linda reported to the Board that to date the Lower Merrimack Valley Vaccine Clinic has given 15,000 vaccinations. Kadar-Hull said she also knows that Linda has volunteered a lot of her time administering shots. Linda said the state will be using the one dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine for the homebound residents. Linda said she has spoken to Fire Chief Valentine and our fire department EMT's will administer the vaccine shots to our homebound residents. Linda said we don't have any Johnson & Johnson vaccine yet, therefore, Chief Valentine has not confirmed a date. Linda said she has spoken to the public health nurse in West Newbury and we are hoping to get the vaccine this month. Kadar-Hull asked Linda to keep the Board updated on the home vaccination program via email. Kadar-Hull said she was informed by our two contact tracers, Anne and Holly, that they are planning on working until their contracts expire on June 30th. Kadar-Hull stated that commencing on July 1st, Linda will be doing all contact tracing. Kadar-Hull said that Anne has graciously offered to be on-call for any assistance Linda may need. Kadar-Hull said that the

Board previously received a covid cases Metrex chart from the public health nurse in West Newbury and asked Linda if she is receiving the Metrex chart, if she would kindly forward to the Board. The Board asked Linda to begin planning flu clinics with CVS.

Fourth agenda item is health agent update. Rosemary told the Board that she conducted a covid compliance inspection for people to eat inside at Pizza Grove. Rosemary said we are getting busy with soil testing and septic system installations. Rosemary said the Board needs to be aware of an issue at Lot 2, Oakland Terrace. Rosemary said the installer started work there without an approved plan and construction permit. Rosemary said she hadn't given the installer approval because she was waiting for a revised plan from the engineer. Rosemary said she called the installer and he knows he can not do any work until he receives her approval. Kadar-Hull said she wanted to remind Rosemary that we have covid funds that can be used if she works additional hours doing covid compliance inspections.

Last item is review minutes for approval. Murray made a motion to approve meeting minutes of March 1, 2021, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned: 8:19 PM

Next Board of Health meeting will be scheduled as needed.
Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

Minutes approved by the Board of Health 5/18/21

