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**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, August 10, 2020**

**ATTENDEES: Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Chairwoman  
Michael Meagher, Member  
Joseph Tevald, Interim Health Agent  
Claire Walsh, RN, Public Health Nurse  
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.**

Meeting Open: 4:35 PM

**AGENDA:**

First item on the agenda is 4 Outlook Dr., 1 variance request. Jim Scanlan, PE, Scanlan Engineering, PO Box 906, Georgetown, MA was in attendance to discuss the variance request with the Board. The Board decided to move to the second agenda item 26 Uptack Rd., 2 variance requests. Jim Scanlan, PE will discuss the 2 variance requests with the Board. Jim told the Board that this is a 3 bedroom dwelling and the system is in failure. Jim said he is proposing a replacement system with a septic tank, a pump chamber and a Presby Enviro-Septic leachfield. Jim said the 2 variances he is requesting are;

1. REGULATION: 310CMR15.212(1), REQUIRED: 4 FEET to ESHGW PERC > 2 MIN/IN, PROVIDED: 2 FEET to ESHGW W/PRESBY SYSTEM
2. REGULATION: 310CMR15.227(5), REQUIRED: LOCATE SEPTIC TANK and PUMP CHAMBER INLET & OUTLET INVERTS, 12" ABOVE ESHGW, PROVIDED: INVERTS < 12" ABOVE ESHGW INSTALLED W/RUBBER BOOTS

Meagher made a motion to approve 2 variance requests for 26 Uptack Rd., Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Next the Board addressed the first agenda item 4 Outlook Dr., 1 variance request. Jim Scanlan told the Board that this is a 3 bedroom dwelling and the existing system which is a septic tank and a leach pit that is in failure. Jim said he is proposing a new septic tank that will be gravity with a Presby leach area. Jim said this property has wetlands and he is asking the Board to grant a variance to the wetlands. Jim said he met with the Conservation Commission and was given approval.

1. REGULATION: GROVELAND REGULATION B-III-10(b), REQUIRED: A MINIMUM OF 100 FEET FROM A WETLAND, STREAM, POND OR LAKE, PROVIDED: 80 FEET BETWEEN SAS AND WETLANDS

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Meagher made a motion to approve 1 variance request for 4 Outlook Dr., Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Next agenda item is 245 Center St. Jim Scanlan told the Board that this project is new construction and it is a difficult lot to place a septic system due to ledge and wetlands. Jim said Title 5 does not allow variances on new construction but they do allow you to go to the local approving authority. Jim said it appears he may need 2 variances on this property, however, he will do further research to see if it can be avoided. The first variance would be from Groveland Regulation B-III-10(b), required a minimum of 100 feet from a wetland, stream, pond or lake. Jim said the system he is proposing is 113 feet from the wetlands but only 84 feet from isolated land subject to flooding. Jim said that the Conservation Commission has approved this reduction. The second variance he would be seeking is which is soil testing over 5 years shall require a lot inspection or new soil testing. Jim told the Board that the lot had soil testing done back in October 2004 and the land since that time has not been disturbed. The Board told Jim that they will take this under advisement and the Board asked the health agent to make an appointment with Jim to do a site visit of the property.

Next is on the agenda is health agent update. Joe told the Board the installation of the septic system at 2 Murray Rd. started today and Joe did a bed bottom inspection. Joe informed the Board that the office received a complaint from 29 King St. with regard to a neighbor feeding wildlife and rats on her property. Joe said he conducted an inspection of the property earlier today and did not see any evidence of rodents. The Board said Groveland has no regulation that prohibits residents from feeding wildlife on their property i.e., birds, squirrels, etc. If the homeowner believes they have a problem with rodents, it is the homeowner's responsibility to hire an exterminator. The Board asked Lori to draft a letter stating the aforementioned. The Board asked Joe to do another COVID compliance inspection of Jeff & Maria's Ice Cream tomorrow. The Board received an email complaint regarding people not wearing masks and not social distancing at baseball games at Washington Park. The Board asked Lori to write to the director of Groveland baseball kindly reminding him to ensure COVID compliance the baseball games.

Next agenda item is public health nurse update. Claire told the Board that there have been no new COVID cases in 3 weeks. Claire said total positive cases we have so far is 44 and no one is on quarantine.

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The Board stated that they have been informed about a farewell/retirement gathering at the fire station on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board stated that they were not in favor of a municipal social gathering while we are in the midst of a pandemic.

Meeting adjourned: 6:22 PM

Next Board of Health meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.