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**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, September 9, 2021**

**ATTENDEES: Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Chairperson  
Jim Stepanian, Member  
Rosemary Decie, RS, Health Agent  
Kathleen Hashem, RN, Public Health Nurse  
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.**

This Board of Health meeting was held in the main meeting room at town hall.

Meeting Open: 6:31 PM

**AGENDA:**

The first agenda item is 142 King St., 1 variance request. Jim Scanlan, PE, Scanlan Engineering LLC, PO Box 906, Georgetown, MA is in attendance to discuss the specifics of the variance with the Board. Heather Klosowski, property owner is also in attendance. Jim told the Board that this is a new construction lot and he has designed a four (4) bedroom septic system. Jim said the soil testing on this lot was performed in 2004. Board of Health regulations state that if soil testing is over five (5) years old, it is required that a lot inspection be performed to verify the area and soils have not been disturbed or new soil testing be performed. Jim said that he and Rosemary conducted a site visit on 8/30/21 and they are of the opinion that nothing has been disturbed on this lot. Jim told the Board that the downside of doing additional soil testing will definitely disturb the area and soils because of the heavy equipment that you have to bring on the lot. Stepanian asked Jim how much it would cost to do additional soil testing because Stepanian said maybe soil conditions have changed since 2004. Jim Scanlan and Rosemary said they didn't believe the soils have changed and said it would do more harm than good to do additional soil testing. Klosowski said this has been a very long, expensive process and she did not want to incur the expense of additional soil testing. Stepanian said after reading the Board of Health regulation again, he felt because the engineer, Jim Scanlan and Rosemary both conducted a site inspection, we are in compliance with the regulation.

Stepanian made a motion to approve the new construction septic design plan dated 8/11/21 for 142 King St., Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Second agenda item is 6 Merritt Ave., 2 variance requests. Jim Scanlan, PE, Scanlan Engineering LLC, PO Box 906, Georgetown, MA is in attendance to discuss the specifics of the variances with the Board. Jim told the Board that the

existing septic system is in failure and he is proposing a new septic tank and pump chamber and run a forced main out to the distribution box where the effluent will flow by gravity into a 24' x 37' leach field. Jim told the Board that there are wetlands on this property which required him to file a GNOI and a MA DEP Notice of Intent which he did and received approval from the Conservation Commission at their meeting held last evening. The two requested variances are;

1. REGULATION: 310CMR15.212(1), REQUIRED: 4 FT TO ESHGW PERC > 2 MIN/IN, PROVIDED: 3 FT TO ESHGW
2. GROVELAND BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATION B: III-10(b), REQUIRED: 100 FOOT MINIMUM BETWEEN DISPOSAL SYSTEM AND WETLANDS, PROVIDED: 72' PROVIDED

Kadar-Hull made a motion to approve two (2) variances for 6 Merritt Ave., Stepanian seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Third agenda item is health agent update. Rosemary told the Board that she had to update them on several issues regarding Cedardale. Rosemary said she received two complaints about the swimming pool having algae on the bottom and the water being cloudy. Rosemary said she conducted an inspection, spoke to the person in charge, looked at the pool logs which were in order, looked at the pool and saw no algae on the bottom of the pool and the water was clear. Then Rosemary said she received a report from the Department of Public Health that there had been a near drowning in the pool. Rosemary provided a copy of the DPH report to the Board. Rosemary said a small child got out of the pool to go the bathroom and removed his life vest. The child returned to the pool without putting on the life vest. Then Rosemary said she received a report from the Department of Children and Families that there was a charge filed and Rosemary said that the charge will be handled by the appropriate authorities. Rosemary told the Board that she met with the operations manager from Cedardale to discuss the violations on the DPH report. Rosemary told him that he has to have the violations corrected before they will be able to open next year. Rosemary told him first and foremost is the fencing around the swimming pool which is 4 feet high and it is required by the state to be 6 feet high. Rosemary said she told the operations manager that she will work with him to get the violations corrected and that she will keep the Board apprised.

Next on the agenda is public health nurse update. Kadar-Hull said that Katie notified her that she was unable to attend the meeting this evening due to a teacher/parent meeting at her child's school. Kadar-Hull stated that she asked Katie and Linda to submit a status report on Covid. Kadar-Hull said the positive cases range in age from 4 to 76. Most of the positive cases are in the 30 to 50 age

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group. Eight (8) positive cases had not been vaccinated. There are 3 positives at the grade school and 3 students at the high school waiting on test results. Kadar-Hull said to date we have a total of 27 cases. Rosemary told the Board that she attended a meeting with Dr. Bartholomew last week. Rosemary said Dr. Bartholomew wanted our input on requiring students to wear face masks in school. Rosemary said all parties agreed face masks should be required as mandated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education until October 1, 2021 at which point DESE will re-evaluate. The Board and Rosemary said they were very concerned about increasing Covid cases in Groveland. Kadar-Hull said the cases have doubled in just one week. Kadar-Hull made a motion that due to increasing Covid cases in Groveland, effective 9/9/21, masks will be required to enter all town buildings until further notice from the Board of Health, Stepanian seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Last agenda item is review minutes for approval. Kadar-Hull made a motion to approve meeting minutes of July 29, 2021, Stepanian seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned: 8:16 PM

Next Board of Health Meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

Board of Health approved minutes 11/18/21