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**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES****Thursday, June 20, 2019**TOWN CLERK  
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**ATTENDEES:** Joan Searl, RN, Chairwoman  
Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Member  
Michael Meagher, Member  
Deborah Ketchen, Health Agent  
Claire Walsh, RN, Public Health Nurse (Absent)  
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

Meeting Open: 6:30 PM

**AGENDA:**

First agenda item is 191 Center St., 3 variance requests. Jim Scanlan, Scanlan Engineering, LLC, Georgetown, MA was in attendance to discuss the specifics of each variance with the Board. Jim told the Board that this is a three bedroom dwelling and the system is in failure. Jim said the site is impacted by tight soils and wetlands/riverfront area at rear of property. Jim told the Board that he has a limited area to work with due to wetlands and the backyard significantly slopes down. Jim told the Board he is proposing to utilize an alternative technology, a Waterloo Biofilter system which is a pre-treatment system that he uses fairly often. The variances requested are;

1. REGULATION: 310CMR15.212(1), REQUIRED: 4 Feet to ESHGW, PERC > 2 MIN/IN, PROVIDED: 2 Feet to ESHGW W/WATERLOO BIOFILTER
2. REGULATION: 310CMR15.242(1) & Groveland BOH Regulation III.8  
REQUIRED: 3,000 SF Leach Area (Town), 2,200 SF Leach Area (Title 5)  
PROVIDED: 1,500 SF W/WATERLOO BIOFILTER, 50% Reduction (Town), 32% Reduction (Title 5)
3. REGULATION: 310CMR15.242(1)(A), REQUIRED: Percolation Rate <= 60 MIN/INCH, PROVIDED: 74 MIN/IN – Approvable per 310CMR15.245(4)

Searl made a motion to approve the three (3) variances at 191 Center St., Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Next on the agenda is review minutes for approval. Searl made a motion to approve meeting minutes of May 16, 2019, Meagher seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Next agenda item is public health nurse update, Claire was unable to attend this meeting. Claire compiled a written report of her activities for the previous month for the Board to review.

Last agenda item is health agent update. The Board asked Deborah to start using the daily activities spread sheet. The Board asked Deborah to update them on the possible failed system at 38 Uptack Rd. Deborah said a certified letter was sent and the homeowner promptly called her and Deborah conducted a site visit with the homeowner. Deborah said the homeowner said he would schedule a Title 5 inspection and would let Deborah know when it is scheduled to be inspected. The Board asked for an update on 40 Seven Star Rd. Lori told the Board that the installer, Bruce Budnick, came into the office to discuss the system. Bruce told Lori that the homeowner contacted him because he installed the system and asked him to look at it. Bruce told Lori that after inspecting the leach field, he thinks pipes or infiltrators may have shifted due to heavy equipment driven on the leach field when a coy pond was installed. Bruce told Lori he gave the homeowner a price for repairs and the homeowner said he planned a getting two more prices before he makes a decision. Bruce told Lori if he gets the job he will let Lori know when he will start. Kadar-Hull asked Deborah if she has started restaurant inspections. Deborah said yes, she has inspected the Bagnall School and a residential kitchen on Center St. Deborah told the Board on Monday she is planning to inspect Gerry's Variety and they will now have a deli (D & M Deli). The deli is planning on serving breakfast sandwiches and turkey, roast beef, ham deli sandwiches for lunch. Deborah said she inspected two septic system installations at Merritt St. and Washington St. Deborah told the Board she attended a meeting at the West Newbury town hall with the health agent from West Newbury and facilities manager at Pentucket High School. The testing of the water pipes in the schools is still showing lead so they will be using a different type of pipe (plastic) when the new school is built.

Meeting adjourned: 7:25 PM

Next Board of Health Meeting to be announced.

Minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Assistant