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MEETING MINUTES RECEIVED/POSTED
Thursday, September 21, 2017

ATTENDEES: Elaine Wozny, Chairman
Joan Searl, Member
Deborah Kadar-Hull, Member
Deborah Ketchen, Health Agent
Anita Wright, RN, Public Health Nurse (Absent)
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

Meeting Open: 6:10 PM

AGENDA:

First item on the agenda is 20 Cranton Ave., 2 variance/waiver requests. Jim Scanlan, PE, Scanlan Engineering, Georgetown, MA was in attendance to explain specifics on the variance/waiver requests. Scanlan told the Board that the existing tank is a 1,500 gallon tank and if it is watertight and structurally sound they are not planning to replace it. Wozny said if he wants to keep the existing tank she would want a vacuum test to make sure it is watertight. Scanlon agreed. Scanlon said he will advise the homeowner to replace the 20 year old tank rather than spend the money for the vacuum test. Scanlon said with a 20 year old tank, it's probably 50/50 as to whether the existing tank will pass the vacuum test. Wozny agreed. Kadar-Hull said at the last Board meeting the issue was raised as to the actual number of bedrooms in the house, specifically, the garage addition. Scanlan told the Board that there is a family room above the garage and there are a total of five (5) bedrooms and this new system is designed for five (5) bedrooms. Wozny made a motion to approve the 2 local upgrades;

- 1) 310CMR15.211(1): Setback between soil absorption system and garage slab. Required setback is 10 feet. Provided setback is 7 feet. 2) 310CMR15.104: Soil percolation testing. Required one in primary SAS. Provided soil analysis performed by UMass Soils Lab due to depth of naturally occurring pervious material. Kadar-Hull seconded and it was voted 2-0. Searl arrived to meeting after vote was taken.

Second on the agenda is review and approval of minutes. The Board discussed variance/waiver/local upgrade. Wozny said her interpretation is that the majority of requests are local upgrades. Searl said when she was on the Board previously, we always referred to waivers/variances. Bentsen said she is confused and transcribes in the minutes exactly what the engineer has stated on the preliminary septic system design plan and the term used is waiver/variance. Bentsen said she

does occasionally see the term local upgrade. Ketchen agreed. Wozny asked if we could get a current edition of Title 5 regulations for the office to see if there are definitions of each. Wozny stated for now we will just leave things “as is.” Searl agreed. Searl made a motion to approve meeting minutes of July 20, 2017, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote. Searl made a motion to approve meeting minutes of August 17, 2017, Wozny seconded and it was voted 2-0. Kadar-Hull abstained because she was not present.

Wozny asked Ketchen about the restaurants. Ketchen told the Board that she did receive a complaint about Groveland Diner. The customer complained about seeing blood in their food. Ketchen said it was strawberry juice. Ketchen told the Board that she looked at the cook’s hands and there were no cuts. The cook said he made a mistake by not washing his hands after slicing strawberries.

Wozny asked Bentsen if we received Nichols Village expansion plans yet. Lori said we have not and she called Cammett and asked them for the plans and Cammett said they will get the plans to us.

Meeting adjourned 7:05 PM

Next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2017.