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**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, July 28, 2022**

**ATTENDEES:** Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Chairperson  
James Stepanian, Member  
David Greenbaum, RS, Member (Absent)  
Rosemary Decie, RS, Health Agent  
Anita Wright, 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: 6:30 PM

**AGENDA:**

The first agenda item is 25 Uptack Rd., 1 variance request. Jim Scanlan, PE, Scanlan Engineering LLC, PO Box 906, Georgetown, MA was in attendance to discuss the specifics of the variance with the Board. Daniel Briscoe, Briscoe Services LLC, 17 Lindsays Way, Groveland, MA was in attendance. Jim said this is a 3 bedroom dwelling and the septic system is in failure. Jim said there is a well on this property so we are limited in area. Jim said he is proposing a new septic tank that will run by gravity utilizing Presby Enviro-Septic leach field. Jim told the Board the Presby leach field will allow less grading and disturbance to the yard. Jim told the Board the reason he is asking for the 2 feet reduction is to maintain using gravity and avoid using a pump. The variance request is;  
REGULATION: 310CMR15.212(1), REQUIRED: 4 FEET TO ESHGW PERC  
> 2 MIN/IN, PROVIDED: 2 FEET TO ESHGW LOCAL UPGRADE  
APPROVAL

Stepanian made a motion to approve one (1) variance for 25 Uptack Rd., Kadar-Hull seconded and it was voted to approve 2-0, Greenbaum absent.

Second on the agenda is 485 Main St., 3 variance requests. William Holt, PLS, RS, SE, 83 Main St., Merrimac, MA was in attendance to discuss the specifics of the variance requests with the Board. Bill said this is a 4 bedroom house on a small lot. Bill said he and Rosemary tried to perc on the side of the house where they thought there was more room, however, they found 7 to 8 feet of fill which doesn't make it conducive for a septic system. Bill said he and Rosemary decided to perc in the back of the house but it was too wet to perc so he had to send soil samples to PennState Extension to perform a soil analysis. Bill told the Board he is also asking for a reduction in gallons per day from Groveland regulation of 75 to state regulation of 55 so he can install a smaller system due to the limited area. Bill told the Board the last variance he is requesting is the separation to

groundwater due to the high water table. Bill said this new system will require a pump. Bill said he had to make a bend in the building sewer pipe to make it work. Rosemary said according to Title 5 regulations any bend in a building sewer pipe requires a cleanout. Rosemary said this new system will have an effluent filter which the homeowners should have checked yearly. The three (3) variance requests are;

1. LOCAL DAILY FLOW OF 75 GPD/PERSON TO 55 GPD/PERSON, DUE TO LIMITED AVAILABLE AREA FOR REPLACEMENT
2. S.A.S SEPARATION TO GROUNDWATER FROM 4 FEET REQUIRED TO 3 FEET PROVIDED (310CMR15.104)
3. PERCOLATION TESTING IN PROPOSED S.A.S AREA TO ALLOW SOIL LAB STATE TEXTURAL ANALYSIS. L.T.A.R. BASED UPON SLOWEST RATE IN SOIL CLASS (310CMR15.104)

Kadar-Hull made a motion to approve three (3) variances for 485 Main St., Stepanian seconded and it was voted to approve 2-0, Greenbaum absent.

Third on the agenda is public health nurse update. Anita told the Board since our meeting last month Covid cases are increasing again. Anita said the cases right now are the BA4 and BA5 subvariant. Anita said everyone is watching the 2.75 very closely and it is significant because it has 9 major mutations on the spike protein. Anita told the Board we have less than 30 Covid test kits and we have also distributed many N95 masks. Anita said medical professionals are recommending people wear masks at indoor gatherings. Anita said she has posted information regarding monkey pox on the health department bulletin board. Anita said there is monkey pox vaccine available at the Lawrence Family Practice Clinic and she has posted their contact information. Anita said another concern of hers that she wanted the Board to be aware of is confirmed polio cases in New York. Anita said she contacted the pharmacist at CVS at Lincoln Ave., Haverhill and was told the pharmacist is waiting to hear from corporate headquarters as to whether CVS will be doing flu clinic community outreach this year. Anita informed the Board that since our last meeting she was told that an error occurred in the FY2023 line item for the public health nurse annual salary on the warrant presented at town meeting on May 23, 2022. This error has resulted in a \$2,635.80 deficit in the public health nurse annual salary. Anita said she discussed the issue with the town administrator and was told it will be corrected at the next town meeting. Anita said the town administrator suggested a memorandum be drafted from the Board of Health to the Board of Selectmen to request ARPA funds to correct the deficit. Anita told the Board that she was informed by the town accountant that there is \$1,821.49 remaining in a MAPC

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grant. Anita said this money is for Covid-19 related activities, services and additional hours related to the pandemic granted exclusively to the Board of Health. Anita told the Board that the Board's administrative assistant and health agent from the onset of the pandemic were required to be at their jobs. Both employees provided critical services in ensuring that Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Board of Health mandates were supported, communicated and enforced above and beyond their regular work and scheduled hours and base pay. Anita said she is advocating that the Board of Health vote this evening that the administrative assistant and health agent receive the remaining balance of the MAPC grant funds to be divided equally, \$910.75 each for their Covid-19 related work during the surge of the pandemic from March 2020 to March 2022. Stepanian made a motion that the remaining balance of the MAPC grant be divided equally, \$910.75 to the Board of Health's administrative assistant and \$910.75 to the health agent for Covid-19 work and there was no second to the motion, motion failed. Kadar-Hull stated she wants an expenditure ledger on the MAPC grant and this issue will be tabled to the next Board meeting.

Next the Board reviewed minutes for approval. Stepanian made a motion to approve meeting minutes of June 22, 2022, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was voted to approve 2-0. Greenbaum was not present at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:27 PM

Next Board of Health Meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

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