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**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

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**ATTENDEES:** Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Chairperson  
James Stepanian, Member  
David Greenbaum, RS, Member  
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 to welcome our new Board member David Greenbaum. We all thanked him for volunteering his time to sit on the Board of Health.

Second item on the agenda is 117 King St., 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. Jim said this is a four (4) bedroom dwelling and the septic system is in failure. Jim said he plans to utilize a Presby Enviro-Septic System. Jim told the Board he meets Title 5 in all respects with the exception of the one (1) variance he is requesting which is a reduction in the separation to groundwater. Jim told Rosemary he would like to make a revision to the plan which would be to install a H2O tank because this tank is going to be close to the driveway. Rosemary agreed. The variance request is: REGULATION: 310CMR15.212(1), REQUIRED: 4 FEET TO ESHGW PERC > 2 MIN/IN, PROVIDED: 2.5 FEET (MIN) TO ESHGW W/PRESBY ENVIRO-SEPTIC WASTE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM

Kadar-Hull made a motion to approve one (1) variance request for 117 King St., Greenbaum seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Third item on the agenda is 46 Washington St. Mike Dempsey, Chairman, Groveland Community Preservation Committee and Daniel Briscoe, Briscoe Services LLC, 17 Lindsay's Way, Groveland, MA were in attendance to discuss the septic system at this property. Mike said the town owns this building and it was occupied by the Water and Sewer Department until they moved recently to 23 School St. Mike said the town wants to use the building for something temporarily until a future use is determined. Mike said the town is in negotiations with a local artist who wants to use it as an artist workshop. Mike said he has been working with the building inspector to determine the work that needs to be

done to the building and Mike said most of the work has been taken care of except for the septic system. Mike said he inquired with Lori and she had no records on the septic system. Mike said he asked Dan Briscoe to do an inspection to see if there is a septic system. Dan Briscoe said he did locate a system, there is a pipe exiting the rear of the building to a concrete septic tank that he estimates to be 1,000 gallon tank which goes out to a concrete precast seven (7) feet deep drywell that is empty and bone dry. Dan gave the Board a drawing. Dan told the Board if a complete Title 5 inspection is required he will have to evaluate the groundwater which will determine this system is in failure. Rosemary said she needs to know exactly what is going in the building because of change of use in Title 5 regulations. There was discussion that an artist would not be suited for a property with a septic system due to the fact that oil based paints, acrylic paints and turpentine should not be poured down the sink drain into a septic system. Kadar-Hull said she has not been informed by the Selectmen as to the use of this property, therefore, the Board will not take any votes this evening with regard to the septic system. Mike Dempsey told the Board that on May 9, 2022 the Selectmen voted to lease the building to the tenant and the lease is subject to the Board of Health approving the existing septic system. Kadar-Hull stated that she was informed by the town administrator that the Selectmen did not approve the lease and the Selectmen are still in negotiations. Kadar-Hull said she was told by the town administrator that the Selectmen are speaking to other parties that have expressed an interest in renting the property. Greenbaum said he believes this Board needs to know exactly what is going in this building before this Board can make a decision on the septic system.

Next agenda item is public health nurse update. Anita told the Board that Covid has quieted down tremendously. Kadar-Hull asked Anita how many cases in Groveland right now. Anita said 1,218 cases from PCR tests. Anita said the variant we are seeing now is BA4 and BA5 which is the South African subvariant and it's not particularly virulent but it is very contagious. Anita told the Board that we didn't have many people come in the office for the free Covid test kits on May 24, 25 and 26. Anita said she decided to place the test kits in the foyer and to date there are 165 tests kits gone. Anita said she feels confident we will distribute all the tests kits. Anita said overall she feels we are in really good shape, we have low infection rate in the state, very low in Essex county, our actual town numbers have been very steady over several weeks. Anita told the Board that she is monitoring monkey pox and to date there are seven (7) cases in MA. Anita told Greenbaum that she holds a health maintenance clinic on the third Thursday of every month. Anita said at last Thursday's clinic a graduate nursing student who is working on her master's in community health was in attendance. Kadar-Hull

asked Anita to check with CVS to see if the pharmacy will be doing flu clinics this fall. Kadar-Hull asked Anita if we will be having a podiatrist at the health maintenance clinic. Anita said probably not due to Covid and she said Newburyport and West Newbury have not been able to retain a podiatrist for their health maintenance clinics, Anita said she will continue to work on it.

Next on the agenda is health agent update. The Board asked Rosemary for an update on Cederdale. Rosemary said she has conducted many inspections with the DPH since the latest incident. Rosemary said there are a few things that the DPH wants them to correct and she said she went over everything that needs to be done with Justin and they are working on it. Rosemary said she gave them a time line of two (2) weeks to get it done. Rosemary said with the exception of the emergency phones at the pools, the DPH felt the other items that need to be corrected are minor. Rosemary told the Board she will do a reinspection in two weeks. Rosemary said she has conducted inspections of the pool and kitchen at Nichols Village and the pool at Manor Dr. Rosemary said she has been extremely busy with soil testing and septic system inspections and in between has been doing food establishment inspections. Rosemary updated new board member Greenbaum on the summer recreation program at the Bagnall School. Rosemary said she and the public health nurse have put a lot of work into this the past couple of months and is pleased that we now have a training manual with DPH camp regulations. Rosemary said per DPH recommendation, she emailed the town administrator asking for town counsel opinion with regard to annual inspection by the Board of Health.

Last item on the agenda is review minutes for approval. Stepanian made a motion to approve meeting minutes of April 21, 2022, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was voted to approve 2-0. Greenbaum abstained because he was not present.

Meeting adjourned: 7:57 PM

Next Board of Health Meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

Board of Health approved minutes 7/28/22