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**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 3, 2022**

ATTENDEES: Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Chairperson
James Stepanian, Member (Absent)
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 Health Department at town hall. This meeting was scheduled to be held on October 27, 2022 but was rescheduled due to lack of quorum. Sarah McGrath, Vice Chair, Finance Board was in attendance at this meeting.

Meeting Open: 6:36 PM

AGENDA:

The first agenda item is 11 Dwinnell St., 1 variance request. Jim Scanlan, PE, Scanlan Engineering LLC, PO Box 906, Georgetown, MA was in attendance to discuss specifics of the variance request with the Board. Jim said this is a three (3) bedroom house and the septic system is in failure. Jim said the new septic system he is proposing is a tank, pump chamber and a 20 feet x 39 feet pressurized leach field. Jim said because it is a pressure dosed field, it will require maintenance which consists of flushing the field every year. The variance requested is;

REGULATION: 310CMR15.212(1), REQUIRED: 4 FT TO ESHGW PERC > 2 MIN/IN, PROVIDED: 3 FT TO ESHGW W/PRESSURE DIST.

Kadar-Hull made a motion to approve one (1) variance request for 11 Dwinnell St., Greenbaum seconded and it was voted 2-0. Stepanian was not present at this meeting.

Next on the agenda is public health nurse update. Anita told the Board since our last meeting we have had no high consequence MAVEN reports this month. Anita said the entire state is in yellow which is moderate for Covid, RSV and influenza. Anita said because she is expecting significant rise in Covid-19 omicron subvariant presence through this fall and winter, she has drafted a Covid-19 Community Alert. With the Board's approval, Anita said she will ask the town administrator to post the alert on the town website and on social media. The Board stated that they approved the Covid-19 Community Alert to be posted on the town's website and social media. Anita said we did receive the first shipment from the state of 450 Covid-19 test kits and residents are coming in for them at a

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steady pace. Anita said she ordered 900 test kits and I expect we will probably get the second shipment in a couple of months. Kadar-Hull said she delivered some of the children's face masks that we received to the nurse at the Bagnall School. Anita told the Board we still have a good supply of face masks, both N-95 and the blue surgical masks. Anita said if people prefer to wear the blue surgical masks, those masks are 75 to 85% efficacious in eliminating illness. Anita told the Board on November 25th she participated in a MAVEN webinar on influenza surveillance and also travel related Ebola surveillance in Massachusetts.

Third agenda item is health agent update. Rosemary said she has conducted septic system inspections at 895 Salem St., 22 Wood St., 38 Benjamin St. and 210 Seven Star Rd. Rosemary said she has done soil testing at 52 Seven Star Rd. and 833 Salem St. Rosemary said she did plan reviews for 11 Dwinnell St. and two new construction lots at 0 Center St. Rosemary told the Board that she also attended a seminar at Shea Concrete in Amesbury to obtain CEU's needed for her MA Registered Sanitarian license. Kadar-Hull asked Rosemary for an update on 0 Center St. because the property owner had inquired on status. Rosemary said there were deficiencies in the plans that needed to be corrected so she requested revised plans from the engineer and she just received the revised plans last Thursday. Rosemary told the Board that the two lots are still pending with the Conservation Commission.

Fourth agenda item is review minutes for approval. Greenbaum made a motion to approve meeting minutes of September 21, 2022, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was voted to approve 2-0. Stepanian was not present at this meeting.

Discussion of other agenda items not anticipated at time of posting. Kadar-Hull asked Sarah McGrath if she could reschedule the Board of Health's meeting with the Finance Board because she will be away. Sarah rescheduled meeting to February 1, 2023 at 6:30.

Rosemary asked the Board if they would consider \$1,000 for education be added to our FY2024 budget. Rosemary said she would like to attend the MHOA Conference in the fall so that she can obtain all CEU's needed for her MA Registered Sanitarian license. The Board stated they would take the matter under advisement.

Meeting adjourned: 7:36 PM

Next Board of Health Meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

Board of Health approved minutes 1/19/23