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**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, June 15, 2023**

**ATTENDEES:** David Greenbaum, RS, CHO, Chairperson  
James Stepanian, Member  
Rudianne Collins, 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.

Meeting Open: 6:30 PM

**AGENDA:**

First item on the agenda is 175 King St., 3 variance requests. Jim Scanlan, PE, Scanlan Engineering, PO Box 906, Georgetown, MA was in attendance to discuss specifics of the variances with the Board. Jim said he would like to make a correction that he is requesting 4 variances. Jim said this is a 3 bedroom home and the septic system is in failure. Jim said there is a well in the front yard and wetlands in the rear of the property. Jim told the Board the new septic system will consist of a septic tank, pump chamber which will pump to a leach field using Presby Enviro-Septic pipes. The system is 52 feet by 16 ¾ feet. We were unable to attain a perc because of significant fill which was saturated so we had to send a soil sample to Penn State University to perform soil analysis. Rosemary said she asked Jim to install a clean out because there is a bend in the pipe and Jim said he agreed. The 4 variances requested are;

1. REGULATIONS: 310CMR15.212(1), REQUIRED: 4 FT TO ESHGW  
PERC > 2 MIN/IN, PROVIDED: 3 FT TO ESHGW W/PRESBY SYSTEM
2. REGULATIONS: TOWN OF GROVELAND REGULATION B(III)(2),  
REQUIRED: PERC TEST IN LEACH AREA, PROVIDED: SOIL  
ANALYSIS
3. REGULATIONS: 310CMR15.104(4), REQUIRED: PERC TEST IN  
LEACH AREA, PROVIDED: SOIL ANALYSIS – APPROVABLE UNDER  
310CMR15.405(1)(i)
4. REGULATIONS: TOWN OF GROVELAND REGULATION B(III)(10),  
REQUIRED: SAS REQUIRED TO BE MINIMUM OF 100 FEET FROM A  
WETLAND, PROVIDED: SAS 68' TO WETLANDS

Stepanian made a motion to approve four (4) variances for 175 King St., Collins seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

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Second item on the agenda is 799 Salem St., 1 variance request. The designer of the septic system plan is Gregg Saab, ESS, 70 Bailey Court, Haverhill, MA. Gregg was unable to attend this meeting so Rosemary said she would explain the variance request to the Board. Rosemary said the perc was less than 2 minutes so instead of the required 5 feet separation distance between the bottom of the system to groundwater, he is asking for a reduction of a foot to 4 feet. The 1 variance request is;

**LOCAL UPGRADE REQUESTED**

1. TO BE 4' ABOVE ESHWT WITH BOTTOM OF SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM 5' IS REQUIRED

Stepanian made a motion to approve one (1) variance for 799 Salem St., Collins seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Third item on the agenda is 6 Coleman Rd., 2 variance requests. The designer of the septic system plan is Bill Dufresne, Merrimack Engineering Services, 66 Park St., Andover, MA. Bill was unable to attend this meeting so Rosemary said she would explain the variance requests to the Board. Rosemary said she and Bill could not get a perc because the water table was high so a soil sample was sent for soil analysis. Rosemary said because a soil analysis had to be performed, there are 3 variance requests. Rosemary said the area is limited so the designer is requesting a 15 foot setback from the septic system to the house foundation. The 3 variance requests are;

1. SETBACK FROM SAS TO FDTN FROM 20' TO 15'
2. OFFSET FROM SAS TO ESWT FROM 4' TO 3'
3. PERC TEST RESULTS \* SEE PARTICLE ANALYSIS

Collins made a motion to approve three (3) variances for 6 Coleman Rd., Stepanian seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Next on the agenda is public health nurse update. Anita presented the Board with a Covid-19 graph that she drafted. Anita said she felt it was historically important to have documentation on how this Board of Health and Boards of Health in Essex County handled the pandemic. Anita said that according to her research, Groveland Board of Health and all Boards of Health in Essex County did an excellent job. Anita informed the Board that she asked to be placed on the Selectmen's agenda to discuss the Covid-19 pandemic and the excellent work done by the Groveland Board of Health. Anita told the Board infectious diseases have been minimal. Anita said influenza and monkey pox cases are very low. Anita said the CDC is monitoring human metapneumovirus (HMPV) which is a recently recognized respiratory virus. Anita said on May 5, 2023 the WHO ended

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the global emergency for Covid-19. Anita said the latest Covid-19 numbers reported by the DPH are 170 hospitalized, 27 in ICU and 4 people on ventilators.

Next on the agenda is health agent update. Rosemary said she submitted the PHE grant to Amesbury and she doesn't expect to hear anything further until September. Greenbaum said this is a regional grant exclusively for Boards of Health that will provide staffing, training, supplies. Rosemary said she planned on taking the DPH training seminar on revised camp regulations on June 27. Rosemary told the Board that she completed tobacco inspections and inspected the swimming pool at Manor Dr. apartments. Rosemary said Lori will type the tobacco licenses and the pool license next week and we will get them issued. Rosemary said she will continue doing food establishment inspections. Rosemary said Your Place and Ours is closed, there was a person interested in purchasing it but the deal fell through.

Last agenda item is review minutes for approval. Stepanian made a motion to approve meeting minutes of April 26, 2023, Greenbaum seconded and it was voted to approve 2-0.

Meeting adjourned: 7:29 PM

Next Board of Health Meeting will be scheduled as needed

Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst

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