

Board of Health Meeting

June 11, 2018

Present: Gerald Maher, Chairman, Tyler Nims, Vice-Chairman, Peter Falabella, Director of Public Health, Robert Valery, Assistant Director of Public Health

The Board of Health Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 144 Texas St. – South Shore Survey, Tony Esposito presenting. The proposal is for repair of the system at an existing house (cesspool system). The plumbing in the house has been raised. A Presby system is proposed, for which a 2 ft. reduction in the separation distance to groundwater is proposed. DEP Remedial approval allows the BOH to grant this waiver. After some discussion, the BOH voted 2-0 to approve.

7:10 172 Arlington St. – Grady Construction, Brendan Viling presenting. The proposal is for repair of an existing house having two cesspools. Wetlands exist at the rear of the property. The perc rate was 6 min/inch during soil testing. A new Septic Tank, Pump Chamber and Leaching Chamber system is proposed. The local upgrades and local variances requested include (a) System to wetlands at 62', (b) Septic Tank and Pump Chamber to wetlands at 60', (c) System to house foundation at 16', and (d) reduction in groundwater separation distance from 4' to 3'. Gerald Maher stated the concern that the house may be advertised as a 3 bedroom, but the existing house is a 2 bedroom, and the groundwater separation upgrade would prohibit any increase in bedrooms. As presented, the BOH would require the two bedroom deed restriction. The BOH members agreed that if the plan was revised without any groundwater separation upgrade, then a 3 bedroom could be allowed in the future. The BOH stated that the other variances and upgrade would be granted (approved in principle). After some discussion, Mr. Killing stated that he would see if the plan could be revised without the groundwater separation upgrade.

7:25 Marshfield Elks re: smoking complaint. Mr. Kevin Shapter, Mr. John White, and Mr. John Murphy represented the Elks. Mr. Valery stated that he had received two calls re: smoking at the Elks and concerns with secondhand smoke. The members explained that Elks members have rooms on Floor 2, with one room on Floor 2 for the smoking members of the Club (with an exhaust system), and a separate room for nonsmoking members. The main members bar area has been nonsmoking since 2013. Gerald Maher expressed concerns with the migration of secondhand smoke. The members stated that the public are not allowed to access the smoking area during events. The members stated that it was possible for them to obtain an additional smoke eater exhaust system, and that they could forward specifications to the Board of Health. Mr. Valery stated that he had given out signs regarding secondhand smoke hazards to the Elks. At this time, the BOH agreed to take no additional action on this matter, as installation of an additional unit for the smoking area was acceptable.

The meeting concluded at 8:20 p.m.