

Board of Health Meeting

Public Meeting

April 25th, 2022

Present: Mark MacDonald, Chairman; Paul Armstrong, Vice Chair; Tyler Nims, Clerk; Gary Russell, Director; William Droheim; Assistant Director, Kathy Duddy; Admin. Assistant

Board of Health Meeting opened at 6:00 pm

New Business – 6:00: 124 Old Ocean Street/septic violation- A complaint was received by the Board of Health that the owner of 124 Old Ocean Street was pumping sewage water into his yard and the small pond in the rear of property. Health Director Gary Russell and Assistant Director William Droheim conducted a visual inspection of the lot on April 1, 2022. The distribution box with a steel cover in the driveway was full of sewage water. Photos were taken of the D-box. A certified letter addressing this issue was previously sent in August 2019. In April 2022, another letter was sent to the owner and no response has been received. There was unanimous approval by the Board to send a second letter to begin remediation.

New Business – 6:15: 14 Bank Road variances- EET/Bob Crawford- Mr. Crawford explained to the Board the variances were requested due to the limited acreage. The variance requested were:

- 1.) Reduction in the 10 ft. minimum (state and local) setback of the soil absorption system of a property line to 5 feet
- 2.) Reduction in the 50 ft. minimum state setback of the soil absorption system to a water course to 47.6 feet
- 3.) Reduction in the minimum vertical separation distance between the bottom of the soil absorption system to the maximum groundwater elevation from the required 5 feet to 4 feet
- 4.) Reduction in the 75' setback (local) of septic tank to a water course
- 5.) Requested to not have the lowest point of the leaching facility below the Flood Hazard Zone (AE-12.83 MSL)

The Board gave unanimous approval for all variances.

New Business- Public Health Excellence Grant- Assistant Director William Droheim explained to the Board how the town of Marshfield will be applying for the Public Health Excellence Grant. The town of Marshfield is leading a coalition of towns (Hanover, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Pembroke) for the annual \$300,000 grant for the next 10 years. The grant funds can be used to meet statutory requirements and for positions such as additional food and septic inspectors, public health nurses, biologists, epidemiologists, etc. A draft of the grant was sent to Mike Hugo of the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards and all the Health Agents/Directors of the coalition. The grant is due on May 3, 2022.

New Business- Hoarding Case- A complaint was received by the Board regarding a hoarder at 11 Castle Green, Apartment 1 (451 School St.) The complaint detailed the occupant was storing grease and oil on top of stove and it was a hazard. A visual inspection will be conducted by the director and assistant director on April 26, 2022.

Old Business- Expired Town Sewer Connections- A two decade agreement by the town of Marshfield and town residents has expired which allowed certain households to delay connecting to town sewer. The agreement was put in place for those residents who paid for the installation of septic system tanks would then not have to pay for the installation of a town sewer connection. A motion by the Board was put forward to draft a letter indicating that the agreement is no longer valid with citations from Title 5. The residents will have until October 1, 2022 to comply. The Board gave unanimous approval for the letter.

The next meeting will be held on May 16th at 6pm.

The meeting concluded at 7 pm