

BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Remote Meeting via Zoom Video

PRESENT

Health Agent: Bruce Wilson, Jr.
Chairperson: Kelly McGovern
Vice Chairperson: Vincent Forte, Jr.
Minutes Clerk: Tina Griffin

Absent:
Member: Patricia Leclair

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2021 meeting, as submitted.
Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

FOOD INSPECTOR UPDATES

Food Inspector, Robert Griffin III provided Board members with information regarding recent food inspections. A couple of establishments were having temperature issues with the recent heat wave and the air conditioner units not being able to keep up. Mr. Griffin has visited these establishments multiple times in order to make sure food temperatures were kept within proper range. Some of the establishments had to be closed until they could bring in secondary cooling methods and have since reopened. Mr. Griffin will be doing more Food Inspections over the next few weeks and will update the Board accordingly of any violations.

TOBACCO AGENT UPDATES

Tobacco Agent, Robert Griffin III gave the Board on update on recent compliance checks that were performed. There were 5 failures ranging from tobacco sales to a minor and not using the required scanner machine at time of purchase. Board members discussed the penalties that will be enforced. Mr. Griffin will be visiting these establishments this week to provide them with their penalties and violation information.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERMITTING PROCESS UPDATE

Office permitting processes have been recently discussed with Mr. Wilson and Ms. Renaud. The current software does not automatically send out reminder or renewal notices. Therefore, Ms. Renaud will be keeping a log of establishments and owners needing permits and will send out reminder notices as soon as the Grace Period for permits has been reached. This will be for all permit types, including livestock permits that do not have a charge associated with them, unless late fees must be assessed.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES

NEW AND PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS

Mr. Wilson discussed new and previous complaints that have come into the Board of Health office since the last meeting, held on June 29, 2021.

SERVICE DOGS / THERAPY DOGS IN RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Mr. Wilson recently witnessed an issue with a dog in Home Depot. When speaking with the staff from the store, he was told that they are not allowed to ask what type of services the dog has certifications for. A service dog is allowed in the store but a therapy dog should not be allowed in. Signs are posted on the doors of Home Depot letting customers know that no dogs are allowed. However, the person that recently had the dog in the store entered by the Garden Center. The Board discussed this situation with Mr. Wilson and stated that the store should possibly have to stop selling food items if they are not going to enforce the “no dogs allowed” restriction. Mr. Wilson told Board members that he will talk to the store Manager and let them know about this option, as well as placing signs by the Garden Center to restrict dogs from coming in by that entrance.

BILLS

Mr. Forte made a motion to pay \$13.99 to Amazon for Office Supplies. Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

BETTERMENT BILLS

Mr. Forte made a motion to pay a deposit in the amount of \$7,500.00 to Dave Brown and Mr. Dos Santos for the septic system repair at 2 Deerfield Lane. Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Forte made a motion to pay \$225.00 to Civil Site Engineering and Ms. Everett for the Registry of Deeds Recording Fees for 83 Lakeshore Drive. Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

PLANS

118 YVONNE ROAD

A septic design plan for 118 Yvonne Road was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade requests that were reviewed and verified by the Health Agent, Mr. Wilson:

- Allow a septic system to be installed 6’ from the foundation slab, where 10’ is required per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(b)
- Allow the septic tank to be 8’ from the dwelling where 10’ is required per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(b)
- Allow the septic system to be installed 3’ above groundwater where 4’ is required per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h)

Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

10 TRENTON STREET

A septic design plan for 10 Trenton Street was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade requests that were reviewed and verified by the Health Agent, Mr. Wilson:

- Allow up to a up to a 25% reduction in required disposal area’s designed requirements Per 310 CMR15.405(1)(c)
- Allow a septic system to be installed 5’ from the foundation slab, where 10’ is required per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(b)

Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

326 FARM STREET

A septic design plan for 326 Farm Street was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade requests that were reviewed and verified by the Health Agent, Mr. Wilson:

- Allow the septic system to be installed 3' above groundwater where 4' is required per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h)

Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

49 MONIQUE DRIVE

A septic design plan for 49 Monique Drive was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade requests that were reviewed and verified by the Health Agent, Mr. Wilson:

- Allow the septic system to be installed 3' above groundwater where 4' is required per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h)

Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

61 LAUREL LANE

A septic design plan for 61 Laurel Lane was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade requests that were reviewed and verified by the Health Agent, Mr. Wilson:

- Allow the septic system to be installed 3' above groundwater where 4' is required per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h)

Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Forte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin

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NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 10, 2021 AT 7:00 PM