

LUNENBURG BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 3, 2021

The Board of Health met at 7:00 pm at the Ritter Memorial Building

Roll Call conducted by Vice-Chairman, Perry Jewell: Perry Jewell, George Emond and Evan Watters. Agent, Jim Garrefffi, was also present.

Vice-Chairman Perry Jewell prefaced the meeting with the following reading. In accordance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, please be advised that this meeting is being recorded and broadcast over Lunenburg Public Access and this meeting of the Board of Health is being conducted remotely. The Town of Lunenburg, in response to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus), is currently following the guidance from the Lunenburg Board of Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the CDC regarding the virus and steps communities can take to prevent the spread and all town facilities are currently closed to the public. In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A, Section 20, all public meetings are being conducted remotely. The Governor's Order, which you can find posted on the Town's website COVID-19 Information Center page, accessed through the Town Manager's webpage allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will feature public comment. For this meeting the Board of Health is convening by video conferencing via Zoom and FacebookLive as posted on the Town's website identifying how the public may join. For Zoom meetings, please note that this meeting is being recorded and that some attendees are participating by video conference. Accordingly please be aware that other folks may be able to see you and take care not to screen share your computer. Anything that you broadcast may be captured by the recording.

Perry Jewell then covered the ground rules for effective business and to ensure accurate meeting minutes. All voting by Roll Call Votes.

9 BOUTWELL STREET

Doug Smith met with the Board on behalf of the owner. This is a tough site of .37 acres with wells and wetlands. A Presby system is being proposed. Variances being requested are distance to well, 100 feet to 78 feet, distance to wetland 100 feet to 44 feet.

Mr. Smith stated that there is really only one possible site for the new system as the ground slopes. A wall and poly barrier will be installed.

Perry Jewell asked if this proposal has been discussed with the Conservation Commission. Mr. Smith stated that it was heard by Conservation two weeks ago and it was Ok'ed based on Board of Health Approval.

Agent Jim Garrefffi stated that because it is such a tough site with wetlands that what is being proposed is much better than what is there. With the wells and slope this is a reasonable design.

After discussion, on motion by Jewell and second by Watters, the board voted unanimously to approve the variances by roll call vote.

30 GILCHREST STREET

Chris MacKenzie met with the board on behalf of the owner. Mr. MacKenzie is proposing a Presby system. They are unsure of where the current system is.

A groundwater offset from four feet to three feet is being requested. There is no pump chamber for the system.

George Emond asked what the perc rate was and Mr. MacKenzie advised 7 mpi

Agent Jim Garreffi stated that there is not information on where the current system is. This is a part of a land division and the property must be brought to current code. The property is served by public water. The plan as proposed is a good solution for the lot.

On motion by Jewell and second by Watters the board voted unanimously to approve the requested variances by roll call vote.

250 LANCASTER AVENUE

The owners amended their building permit to meet requirement so there is no need to meet with the board.

HOLMAN STREET

The owner revised their building plans to reduce the number of rooms and meeting regulations so there was no need to meet with the board.

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None Approved

COVID UPDATE

Agent Jim Garreffi gave a Covid Update.

The rolling average over the past 2 weeks is yellow. The positivity rate in Lunenburg has dropped from 4% to 2.5% and the past week ending April 30th saw only 5 positive cases. Hopefully this is a trend. Active cases and positivity rates within the Commonwealth are also trending down.

There have been a lot of changes statewide. The outside mask order is being lifted provided you can still maintain a social distance.

There are standards on activities so you need to look at the activities so see if masks are required. With regard to sports, it depends on the sport and gives exemptions.

Governor Baker has laid out a path leading forward.

May 10th – Large venues can have more attendees. Theme parks can open, amateur sports can begin and singing indoors is allowed (church) among other changes.

May 29th - Street festivals and agricultural fairs can open. Beer gardens can open. You can be served only at a table but food is not required among other changes.

August 1st – Commonwealth is fully open.

Mr. Garreffo stated that this plan does provide a path for citizens. It is important for people to get vaccinated. It is important also that policy makers are eliminating restrictions based on much lower Covid number. He believes it is a nice balance to get back to normal.

Having no further matters before the board and on Motion by Jewell and seconded by Emond, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by roll call vote, all in favor.