

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of November 16, 2023

Report covers from 10/11 – 11/13/2023

Items requiring Board vote are noted with an asterisk ()*

A. Inspection Report Reviews

- (1) 111 Conomo Point Road, Carroll, Map 108, Lot 76

Tight tank has passed the routine inspection; next routine inspection shall be done within 5 years, or by September 8, 2028.

- (2) 9 Middle Road, Lane, Map 108, Lot 58

Septic system has passed the routine inspection; next routine inspection shall be done within 5 years, or by October 17, 2028. If new leaseholder opts to disconnect the composting toilet, the system shall be reinspected after a full season of use.

- (3) 41 Wood Drive, Steadman, Map 154, Lot 26

Tight tank has passed the routine inspection. No additional repairs or requirements at this time.

B. Septic Plans

- (1) 1 Laurel Lane, Laurel Lane LLC, Map 209, Lot 29*

I have reviewed the design for the proposed septic system at this location, designed by Meridian Associates and with a revision date of October 17, 2023. The initial design was approved by the Board of Health on April 22, 2021; the revised plan shows a proposed building sewer with 2-22° angles rather than 2-45° angles. No other changes are proposed to the approved system design.

Recommendation: I recommend we send a letter to the property owner stating the proposed septic system, designed by David Kelley of Meridian Associates and with a revision date of October 17, 2023 is approved.

C. Septic Inspections and Other Field Work

- (1) Essex Park Road, Apple Street Nominee Trust, multiple lots

I witnessed several days of soil testing on Map 147, Lot 19 and Map 142, Lots 30 and 31. The buyer of this property is proposing to develop a 25-lot subdivision at this location, and soil testing was the first step.

D. Complaints and Other Updates

- (1) Opioid Settlement Funding*

At the recent Massachusetts Health Officers Association (MHOA) conference Kellie and I attended, one of the presentations was regarding harm reduction and the availability of nasal naloxone (Narcan) in our communities. MHOA sponsors rescue kits called SAMBOXES (named after the Good Samaritan Law), which are designed to contain Narcan and the instructions on how to use it, as well as CPR rescue breathing barriers and gloves.

The SAMBOX is \$275; Narcan is available to boards of health at no cost through DPH; and the rescue barriers and gloves are also available at no cost through the MA Public Health Clearinghouse.

Recommendation: Discussion and possible vote to purchase a quantity of SAMBOXES to install in municipal buildings and possibly other locations throughout Essex, based on level of interest.

(2) 21 Main Street Apt 2

I conducted a follow-up inspection at this location after the 30-day timeline outlined in the Order letters issued to the property owner and the occupant. The property owner has an active building permit to address the emergency egress issues and has, to my knowledge, corrected the rest of the violations. The occupant reports there is still evidence of mice in her unit, however this was not observed during my inspection. The occupant's violations related to clutter and items stored in the hallway/doorways are still present; the occupant reported she would have assistance with addressing this in the upcoming days and I would be returning for a reinspection on November 20th.

(3) Flu Clinics and Covid Vaccine

We have administered approximately 115 flu shots and 45 Moderna shots. We still have a supply of both types of vaccine available, in our office by appointment. We have also administered and will continue to administer flu and covid vaccine to our homebound residents upon request.

(4) 9 Harlow Street, Steinert, Map 138, Lot 13

We received a complaint from an abutter of this property that the occupants have chickens and geese and the coop, as well as the manure, is stored directly on the property line. The complainant reports that there is a significant smell associated with this which is bothersome to him.

Recommendation: As this is regarding the keeping of animals, this matter was referred to our Animal Health Inspector Pam Stone.

(5) Covid Wastewater Data

Essex County data is below, with the solid line showing the county concentration (copies/mL) and the dotted line showing the national concentration (copies/mL)



