

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of March 9, 2023

Report covers from 02/22 – 03/06/2023

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

A. Inspection Report Reviews

None.

B. Septic Plan Reviews

(1) 83 Wood Drive, Fransioli, Map 157, Lot 10*

I have reviewed the design plan for the proposed replacement septic system at this property, designed by William Robertson and dated March 1, 2023. The proposed septic system is designed to accommodate a maximum of 2 bedrooms or 220 gallons per day, and is not designed to accommodate the use of a garbage grinder. Further, the designer has requested a local upgrade approval to reduce the separation to groundwater from the required 3' to a maximum of 2'.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating that the plan for the proposed replacement septic system, designed by William Robertson and dated March 1, 2023 is approved. The plan is designed for a maximum of 2 bedrooms or 220 gpd, and is not designed to accommodate the use of a garbage grinder. This plan also includes a LUA request to reduce the separation to ESHWT from 3' to 2', which is allowable for repaired/upgraded septic systems.

C. Private Wells

None.

D. Other Permit Applications and Requests

(1) 162 Main Street, Mayflour Bakery, Map 136, Lot 16*

The owner of this property has revised her variance request after meeting with her contractor and realizing there is an issue achieving the necessary pitch to the grease trap from the proposed curbed service sink with floor drain. The area of the structure where the kitchen is located is on slab, rather than foundation/crawl space, and therefore the owner is requesting a variance from the curbed service sink with floor drain requirement. The equipment layout in the kitchen has been redesigned and the new configuration allows room for a small prep sink. However, the owner is now requesting a variance to the service sink requirements and would like to install a traditional raised mop sink. This would allow her to direct all plumbing under the sink and therefore she could achieve the 2% pitch necessary for gravity flow through the grease trap and into the municipal sewer.

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Recommendation: Discussion and possible vote on whether to allow a variance from the requirement for a curbed service sink with floor drain; instead installing a traditional raised service sink to allow for the necessary 2% slope for gravity flow to the municipal sewer.

(2) Shared System, 2, 5, 7, and 8 Hardy's Lane*

The septic system serving these 4 dwellings was installed in 1998, with an annual inspection requirement included as part of the MA DEP approval. The annual inspection of shared systems was part of the 1995 Title 5 code and was reduced to once every 3 years with the 2006 code revision (or more frequently if a public health or other environmental concern is observed or suspected). The property owners are requesting to reduce the frequency of inspections from the current annual requirement to the MA DEP timeline of one inspection every 3 years.

Recommendation: Discussion, and possible vote to reduce the frequency of inspections from once per year to once every 3 years for the shared septic system serving the above-mentioned properties. There is also a deed notice disclosing the annual inspectional requirements; the property owners would be responsible for drafting and recording an addendum with the new requirements.

(3) 122 Main Street, Shea's Riverside Restaurant, Map 136, Lot 3*

Shea's would like to add sushi to their menu, and as such, a HACCP plan for the sushi rice has been prepared and submitted to the BoH for a variance approval. Bobbie has met with the chef in person and has gone over the steps in the plan as well as the training protocol to ensure all kitchen staff involved in this process are familiar with the food safety protocol.

Recommendation: Discussion and possible vote on whether to approve the variance request to prepare and serve sushi rice in accordance with the proposed HACCP plan.

E. Septic Inspections and Other Field Work

None.

F. Complaints and Other Updates

(1) CPR/AED Training

We are hosting McNeilly EMS Educators for 2 CPR/AED training sessions on March 8th – the first session will be held at the Senior Center and will be informational only (without the certification card). Later that same day we will hold a full certification class at the Public

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Safety Building. Both sessions are open to the public, although we're encouraging individuals who don't need a CPR card (for work or otherwise) to participate in the first session to save on cost.

(2) Hepatitis B Vaccine

In response to a request from one of our DPW workers and recent updates to the MA safety standards, we offered HBV vaccines to our first responders and DPW workers on March 2nd. We also provided Shingles vaccine to those who requested it.