

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of December 14, 2023

Report covers from 11/14-12/12/2023

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

A. Inspection Report Reviews

(1) 86 Belcher Street, Plosker, Map 118, Lot 5

Septic system has conditionally passed the Title 5 inspection conducted by Jamie Prescott on October 19, 2023. The property owner is required to contact with an electrician to repair the electric service to the pump chamber so the pump and alarm are both functioning as intended. This repair shall be done within 30 days.

(2) 16 Lowe Hill Road, Hersey, Map 134, Lot 31

Septic system has passed the Title 5 inspection conducted by John Duncan on September 22, 2023. During the inspection, the inspector noted the distribution box was deteriorated and required replacement. This has since been done and the system now passes the Title 5 inspection.

(3) 64 Choate Street, Foss, Map 115, Lot 23

There was a Title 5 inspection done at this location in October; the report submitted by Michael DeCosta was incomplete and some of the details included in the report were contradictory to information we have in the file. A letter was sent to the homeowner and inspector outlining what was required for the report to be accepted. Since then, we have not received any new information and the property has been listed for sale and is under agreement. The owner and I have been in contact, and he has since hired another inspector to ensure the Title 5 inspection is completed correctly and the report is submitted as required.

B. Septic Plans

None

C. Septic Inspections and Other Field Work

None

D. Complaints and Other Updates

(1) 18 John Wise Avenue, Mulvey, Map 120, Lot 2*

The septic system at this address was brought to my attention in late 2022, when someone (an appraiser?) was reviewing the septic file and asked if the septic system had ever been upgraded after it was deemed failed in December 2008. The initial Title 5 inspection had a passing report; however, the dwelling was vacant at the time of inspection and the BoH at the time determined there to be insufficient air space in the leaching pits; as such, the BoH officially disagreed with the determination of the inspector, declared the system to be in failure, and ordered the owner(s) to

connect to town sewer within 2 years. After months of correspondence with the current owner beginning in December 2022, this issue is still not resolved.

Recommendation: Discussion on how to proceed.

(2) Opioid Settlement Funding updates

I have applied for a fully-subsidized supply of nasal Narcan through the Community Naloxone Purchasing Program (CNPP) to stock indoor and outdoor NaloxBoxes. The application requires a valid MA Controlled Substances Registration, and we were able to submit our application using the state Medical Director's MCSR rather than waiting for our own municipal approval.

Recommendation: None at this time. DPH approval for subsidized Narcan takes 3-4 weeks, so we're about halfway through this process.

(3) 21 Main Street Apt 2, Savory, Map 128, Lot 65

The re-inspection previously scheduled for November 20th was postponed at the occupant's request, since the person she had hoped would assist her with clearing the hallways was not available. I have been in contact with the owner regarding the construction of the second egress, and although the permit has been issued, the work hasn't started yet as his contractor is busier than expected. Reinspection is scheduled for December 20th.

(4) 92 Southern Avenue, Deus, Map 140, Lot 54-1-2

Housing court is scheduled for Friday, 12/15 and we will be requesting the judge begin the receivership process. However, this will likely be continued due to the notice we're required to provide to the lienholders as stated in my email to the BoH on 12/6.

(5) Covid Wastewater Data

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



