

# **Administrator's Report**

## **Board of Health Meeting of June 30, 2022**

*Report covers from 06/16-06/29/2022*

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

### **A. Inspection Report Reviews**

None.

### **B. Septic Plan Reviews**

#### **(1) 84 Choate Street, Stone, Map 115, Lot 25\***

I have reviewed the design for the proposed barn/apartment addition at this property to be connected to the existing septic system. The engineer, John Judd, is proposing a new, 2-compartment septic tank/pump chamber combo to serve the barn/apartment, which will pump all sewer flow from this structure to the existing 3-bedroom septic system. I conducted a walk-through with the property owner on June 28, 2022 and found that the dwelling currently has 2 bedrooms as well as an additional room being used as an office. Since this room does not have heat, it does not meet the strict definition of 'bedroom' outlined in Title 5, and therefore the new barn/apartment should not have a negative impact on the existing system.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating that the system designed by John Judd and dated May 17, 2022 is approved. I also recommend that the installer coordinate digging a test pit during (or prior to) installation of the new septic tank/pump chamber, so ensure a 1.2 safety factor for buoyancy of this component.*

### **C. Other Permit Applications and Requests**

#### **(1) Craft Food Halls at Great Marsh Brewing, 99 Main Street\***

The new food permit application for this establishment includes a plan outlining the Hazard Analysis for Critical Control Points, or HACCP, and also includes variance requests from certain requirements in the FDA and MA Food Codes. These variance requests pertain to storage and preparation of product that would otherwise be susceptible to hazards related to foodborne illness after exposure to anaerobic bacteria; specifically the variances are to allow Reduced Oxygen Packaging (ROP) for preparation and storage of product in vacuum-sealed bags. The HACCP plan provided outlines all relevant critical control points and the subsequent procedures to ensure food safety throughout each step as required by MFC 3-502.12.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health approve the food establishment permit for Craft Food Halls at Great Marsh Brewing, including the variance request outlined in their HACCP plan for reduced-oxygen packaging and sous vide cooking.*

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(2) 5 County Road, Roy, Map 143, Lot 62

I signed the building permit application for the renovation/addition at this property. The dwelling is on municipal sewer.

(3) 84 Choate Street, Stone, Map 115, Lot 25

I signed the building permit application for construction of the new barn/apartment at this property. I conducted a walk-through with the property owner to ensure the existing septic system is approved to accommodate the additional flow.

(4) 109/111 Belcher Street, Hickey, Map 115, Lot 4.1

I signed the building permit application for construction of a duplex at this property. The proposed septic system is approved to accommodate a 6-bedroom dwelling; the building plans show 2 units, 3 bedrooms each.

(5) 8 Sumac Drive, Hastings, Map 110, Lot 5

I signed the plumbing and permit applications for this property.

(6) 4 Low Land Farm Road, Brown Dog Properties, Map 141, Lot 2.1

I signed the plumbing and electrical permit applications for this property.

(7) 34 Robbins Island Road, Calder, Map 108, Lot 5

I signed the electrical permit application for this property.

(8) 4 Water Street, Barker, Map 136, Lot 33

I signed the plumbing permit application for this property.

(9) 16 Turtleback Road, Matracki, Map 147, Lot 16

I signed the electrical permit application for this property.

(10) 74 Eastern Avenue, Calder, Map 127, Lot 19

I signed the electrical permit application for this property.

(11) 16 Turtleback Road, Matracki, Map 147, Lot 16

I signed the electrical permit application for this property.

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### **D. Septic Inspections and Other Field Work**

(1) 42 Wood Drive, Carpenter, Map 154, Lot 12

I witnessed a soil evaluation at this property as the first step in upgrading the failed septic system.

(2) 4 Gregory Island Road, Emerson, Map 155, Lot 54

I completed the final inspection and signed the Certificate of Compliance for the septic system serving this property.

### **E. Other Updates**

(1) Strategic Plan

The Strategic Planning Committee has asked each Board/Committee to review the 2022-2027 draft plan, in advance of making it available for public review and comment. I have informed the SPC that they would be invited to attend our July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss any comments or revisions the Board of Health might have, specifically pertaining to Goal #2, Emergency Services.

*Recommendation: Information only.*

(2) Vaccine updates

We started vaccinating the recently approved 6 months to 4 years old age group, and our first clinic was held on Friday, June 24 at Town Hall. Kellie Keenan is our clinical lead, and she is currently managing all scheduling and staffing details with the assistance of Rachel Lee, Regional Public Health Nurse. We currently have clinics scheduled every Friday afternoon through the end of July, and we have relocated from the Public Safety Building back to the Town Hall Auditorium for several reasons related to traffic and access. Our clinics offer the pediatric Moderna (2 doses) and pediatric Pfizer (3 doses for age 6mo to 4yr) as well as booster doses, as authorized.

(3) Rapid Antigen Testing

We still have a supply of iHealth rapid antigen test kits available to Essex residents, upon request.

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**Essex Confirmed Case Counts**

October 2021:	10
November 2021:	55
December 2021:	116
January 2022:	87
February 2022:	16
March 2022:	13
April 2022:	23
May 2022:	39
June 2022:	12
(to date)	