

# **Administrator's Report**

## **Board of Health Meeting of July 14, 2022**

*Report covers from 06/30 – 07/13/2022*

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

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

(1) 57 Eastern Avenue, Larson, Map 136, Lot 41\*

I have reviewed the report for the official Title 5 inspection at this property, conducted by Jonathan Granz and dated June 13, 2022. The inspector has noted that the system conditionally passes this inspection, and that the alarm for the pump chamber is not functioning.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating that the septic system serving this dwelling conditionally passes the Title 5 inspection conducted on June 13, 2022 by Jonathan Granz. The inspector noted that the pump chamber alarm is not functioning; the Board of Health requires that the pump chamber alarm be repaired or replaced within 30 days, or not later than August 14, 2022. The Board of Health Administrator shall be notified prior to this work commencing so that an inspection of the repair may be scheduled.*

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

(1) 210 Southern Avenue, Nally, Map 209, Lot 13.1\*

I have reviewed the design for the septic system serving this new dwelling, designed by Vernon LeBlanc and dated June 4, 2020 with a revision date of July 8, 2022. After the dwelling was constructed, the locations of the proposed septic tank and pump chamber did not meet the minimum setback requirement of 10' from the dwelling and therefore designer was required to revise the plan to ensure all required setback distances were met.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating that the system designed by Vernon LeBlanc and with a final revision date of July 8, 2022 is approved. This system is designed for a maximum of 5 bedrooms or 550 gallons per day, and is not designed to accommodate the use of a garbage disposal.*

(2) 66 John Wise Avenue, 66 John Wise Avenue LLC, Map 113, Lot 2\*

I have reviewed the design for the proposed tight tank at this property, designed by John Judd and with a final revision date of July 14, 2022. This tight tank is designed with a maximum daily flow of 96 gallons per day.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating that the tight tank designed by John Judd and with a final revision date of July 14, 2022 is approved. This holding tank is designed for a maximum daily flow of 96 gallons per*

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*day, and prior to the issuance of a Disposal System Construction Permit, a notice shall be recorded at the Registry of Deeds disclosing the existence of the holding tank and acknowledging that no increase in flow may occur unless or until the system is upgraded to meet new construction standards.*

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

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

(1) 6B & 6C Low Land Farm Road, Brown Dog Properties, Map 141, Lot 2.2

I witnessed the vacuum test of the septic tanks and pump chambers at these 2 parcels, and conducted additional inspections of the new SAS being installed at each property.

(2) 77 Western Avenue, Perkins, Map 134, Lot 53

I inspected the abandonment of the septic tank and leach pit serving this property, as part of the connection to municipal sewer.

### **E. Other Updates/Complaints**

(1) 79 Western Avenue, Dyson, Map 134, Lot 52

We have received a complaint from the owner of 79 Western Avenue that she is 'surrounded by renters' and that the occupants of 77 Western Avenue spend a lot of time in their own backyard and on their porch when the complainant is in her own home working. Ms. Dyson also had concerns that the occupants of 73 Western Avenue receive a lot of deliveries (Amazon and groceries) and that it is disruptive to her. Previously Ms. Dyson reported concerns with a dumpster at a neighboring property, but no violations were observed. I explained to Ms. Dyson that her complaints appear to be civil, rather than regulatory concerns, and the Board of Health didn't have authority to address these particular complaints.

*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 on Friday

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afternoons, 2 weeks on, 2 weeks off 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. Hamilton will continue to offer Saturday clinics on the same schedule. We vaccinated 81 children in this age group – from throughout MA – during our first 2 clinics.

(3) Rapid Antigen Testing

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

**Essex Confirmed Case Counts**

October 2021:	10	March 2022:	13
November 2021:	55	April 2022:	23
December 2021:	116	May 2022:	39
January 2022:	87	June 2022:	16
February 2022:	16	July 2022:	5
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