

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of May 12, 2022
Report covers from 04/14 – 05/11/2022
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A. Inspection Report Reviews

(1) 67 Choate Street, Henry, Map 105, Lot 7*

I have reviewed the report for the Title 5 inspection conducted at this property by Jonathan Granz on April 5, 2022. The inspector has noted that the system is functioning as intended and passes inspection.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating we are in agreement with the determination of the inspector, Jonathan Granz, and the system passes the official Title 5 inspection conducted on April 5, 2022. The system is designed for a maximum of 5 bedrooms/550 gallons per day, and is not designed to accommodate the use of a garbage disposal.

(2) 1 Noah's Hill Lane, Tyler, Map 140, Lot 70-1*

I have reviewed the report for the Title 5 inspection conducted at this property by Daniel Ottenheimer on May 4, 2022. The inspector has noted that the system is functioning as intended and passes inspection.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating we are in agreement with the determination of the inspector, Daniel Ottenheimer, and the system passes the official Title 5 inspection conducted on May 4, 2022. The system is designed for a maximum of 3 bedrooms/330 gallons per day, and is not designed to accommodate the use of a garbage disposal.

(3) 1 Conomo Point Road, One Conomo Point LLC, Map 123, Lot 7 (conference center)*

I have reviewed the report for the Title 5 inspection conducted by Michael Hale on the system for this Conference Center at this location. The inspector has noted that the system is functioning as intended and passes inspection.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating we are in agreement with the determination of the inspector, Michael Hale, and the system passes the official Title 5 inspection conducted on April 21, 2022. The system is approved for a maximum of 2200 gallons per day – 44 people at 35 gallons per day for the camp and 44 people at 15 gallons per day for the food service component.

(4) 1 Conomo Point Road, One Conomo Point LLC, Map 123, Lot 7 (accessory dwelling)*

I have reviewed the report for the Title 5 inspection conducted by Michael Hale on the system for the accessory dwelling unit at this location. The inspector has noted that the system is functioning as intended and passes inspection.

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Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating we are in agreement with the determination of the inspector, Michael Hale, and the system passes the official Title 5 inspection conducted on April 15, 2022. The system is approved for a maximum of 3 bedrooms, or 330 gallons per day, and is not designed to accommodate a garbage grinder.

B. Septic Plan Reviews

(1) 17 Water Street, Lahey, Map 127, Lot 11*

The owner of this property is proposing to construct 2 new dwelling units – one with 4 bedrooms and one with 3 bedrooms – on the same parcel, with one shared leaching area designed to accommodate all 7 bedrooms or 770 gallons per day. This septic plan meets all state and local requirements for Title 5.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating the plan for the proposed septic system at this property, designed by Dan Johnson and dated March 28, 2022, is approved. The system is designed to accommodate two dwelling units with a maximum of 7 bedrooms or 770 gallons per day, and is not suited to accommodate a garbage grinder. In addition, if a dwelling unit transfers ownership or this parcel is otherwise subdivided, the property owner shall submit an operations and maintenance plan for the proposed shared system for Board of Health approval, and said plan shall be recorded with the deed prior to the issuance of a Disposal Works Construction Permit.

(2) Lot 6B Low Land Farm Road, Brown Dog Properties, LLC, Map 141, Lot 2.1*

The proposed septic system serving this new-construction dwelling was originally designed and approved for 5 bedrooms, or 550 gallons per day. The property owners have requested that the septic system be redesigned to accommodate 6 bedrooms, or 660 gallons per day. The revised plan, designed by John Morin and dated April 20, 2022, meets all state and local requirements for new construction.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating the plan for the proposed septic system at this property, designed by John Morin and with a final revision date of April 20, 2022, is approved. The system is designed to accommodate a maximum of 6 bedrooms or 660 gallons per day, and is not suited to accommodate a garbage grinder.

(3) 42 Apple Street, Browning, Map 141, Lot 10*

I have reviewed the design for the proposed septic system for this property, designed by Daniel Ottenheimer and with a final revision date of May 11, 2022. During my review, I have noted the revised plan now meets all state and local requirements for septic systems.

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Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating the plan for the proposed septic system at this property, designed by Daniel Ottenheimer and with a final revision date of May 11, 2022 is approved. The plan is designed for a maximum of 4 bedrooms or 440 gallons per day, and is not designed to accommodate a garbage grinder.

C. Other Permit Applications and Requests

(1) 1 Martin Street, Googans Galley, Map 128, Lot 60*

The new owners of this food service establishment are requesting a variance from a requirement in the 2013 FDA Food Code, specifically 5-203.13 which requires a service sink with a floor drain. Previous versions of the state and federal food codes did not have this requirement. New ownership triggers full compliance with all requirements; however, this establishment is situated on a slab foundation without a basement, and as such, they are not able to have a sink with a floor drain. The owner is requesting a variance to allow the existing service sink to remain.

Recommendation: Discussion and vote to allow the existing service sink to remain, when the FDA Food Code requires a sink with a floor drain.

(2) 1 Noah's Hill Lane, Tyler, Map 140, Lot 70-1 (informational only)

I inspected the installation of a new distribution box for the septic system serving this property.

(3) 171 Western Avenue, Kirby, Map 143, Lot 78 (informational only)

I inspected the abandonment of the septic system serving this property in anticipation of connection to municipal sewer.

(4) 64 Spring Street, Little, Map 121, Lot 1 (informational only)

I signed the building permit application to construct a single family dwelling at this property. The proposed bedroom count is within the approved design flow for the proposed septic system.

(5) 4 King's Court, Knight, Map 151, Lot 7 (informational only)

I signed the building permit application to construct a single family dwelling at this property. The proposed bedroom count is within the approved design flow for the proposed septic system.

(6) 44 Lufkin Point Road, Eklind, Map 109, Lot 1 (informational only)

I signed the building permit application to remodel the interior of this single family dwelling. The renovation will not impact the existing septic system.

(7) 11 Forest Avenue, Heal, Map 140, Lot 44 (informational only)

I signed the building permit application to construct a 2-car garage at this location. The property is on municipal sewer.

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- (8) 35 Belcher Street, Lewiecki, Map 129, Lot 26 (informational only)

I signed the building permit application to construct a new deck at this location. The proposed deck will not impact the function of the existing septic system.

D. COVID-19 and Other Updates

- (1) Vaccine updates

We continue to offer both pediatric and adult vaccines on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons, alternating with Manchester's 1st and 3rd Monday clinics. We expect this will continue through the initial surge of requests for kids under 5, when this is approved, and then will revisit the need for regular standing weekly or biweekly clinics.

- (2) 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
November 2021:	55
December 2021:	116
January 2022:	87
February 2022:	16
March 2022:	13
April 2022:	23
May 2022:	17
(to date)	