

**Administrator's Report**  
**Board of Health Meeting of January 7, 2021**  
*Report covers from 12/10/2020 – 01/06/2021*  
*Items requiring Board vote are noted with an asterisk (\*)*

**A. Inspection Report Reviews**

(1) 5 Pine Ridge Road, Hall, Map 147, Lot 21 \*

I have reviewed the Title 5 report for the official inspection conducted at this property by Gerardo Valentin on November 4, 2020. The inspector has noted that the system is functioning as intended.

*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, Gerardo Valentin, that the system passes the official Title 5 inspection conducted on November 4, 2020.*

(2) 73 Pond Street, Montgomery, Map 154, Lot 1 \*

I have reviewed the Title 5 report for the official inspection conducted at this property by Richard Clarke on December 15, 2020. The inspector has noted the system is functioning as intended.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating, although the system appears to be functioning as designed, the SAS is located less than 100' from the private well on the property. In order for the Board of Health to agree with the determination of the inspector, Richard Clarke that the system passes the inspection conducted on December 15, 2020, there needs to be a well water analysis report submitted showing that fecal coliform bacteria is absent and the presence of ammonia nitrogen and nitrate nitrogen is equal to or less than 5 ppm.*

**B. Soil Evaluations / Waiver Explorations**

**C. Septic System Design Plan Reviews**

(1) 9 Hill Road, Resicap, Map 155, Lot 14\*

I have reviewed the plan for the proposed tight tank at this property, designed by Brendan Pyburn with a revision date of November 25, 2020. During my review, I have noted the following technical errors or deficiencies: Note #8 states there are no wells observed within 100' of the tank; but the well shown to the west of the subject parcel (Griffin property) is only 45' from the holding tank; on the plan overview, the slope from the house to the tank does not appear to be 1%: invert out is 90.25 and invert in is 89.98 which is just under 1% for the 36 linear feet specified; the dimensions of the tank specified (Shea Concrete 3000H) and shown on the plan section view differ from the dimensions provided by Shea Concrete for the same tank.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating that the plan for the proposed tight tank at this property, designed by Brendan Pyburn with a revision date of November 25, 2020 is disapproved for the reasons outlined above.*

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(2) 8 Centennial Grove Road, Campagna, Map 143, Lot 30\*

I have reviewed the plan for the proposed septic tank replacement at this property, designed by Dan Johnson and dated December 3, 2020. The septic tank replacement is proposed to accommodate an addition of an in-law apartment to be connected to the existing septic system. The existing system is suitable for 4 bedrooms (440 gpd) and the designer has stated that the existing dwelling only has 3 bedrooms, allowing the addition of a single bedroom without any other changes to the septic system.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating that the plan for the proposed septic tank replacement at this property, designed by Dan Johnson and dated December 3, 2020, is approved. However, prior to the issuance of a Disposal Works Construction Permit or Building Permit, a walk-through/inspection and bedroom count shall be scheduled with the Board of Health Administrator.*

**D. Septic System Installations/Abandonments (informational only)**

(1) 19 Wood Drive, Gordon College, Map 154, Lot 45

I completed the final inspection for the septic system serving this property.

(2) 3 Shea's Court, Isaac, Map 145, Lot 32

I completed the final inspection for the septic system serving this property.

**E. Complaints**

(1) 9 Harlow Street, Steinert, Map 138, Lot 13

I conducted a reinspection at this dwelling, and found the majority of the violations have been satisfactorily corrected; the outstanding violations of the skylight repair and fan installation are weather dependent. Property owner will update me when these repairs are scheduled.

(2) 23 Story Street, Apt 5-4

In response to a complaint about an odor in the common area right outside this apartment, I conducted an inspection under the Housing Code. During my inspection, I found the apartment to be extremely cluttered, without a clear path throughout and both egresses partially blocked. In addition, the amount of trash, empty food containers, and papers throughout the apartment were a concern.

Based on the list of conditions deemed to endanger (105 CMR 410.750), the apartment was deemed uninhabitable until such time as the trash was removed, the egresses were cleared, and a clear path of at least 3' wide was available throughout the apartment. The occupant's nephew (closest relative, living in Gloucester) was able to assist the occupant in making it safe for her to

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remain there alone. In addition, she was referred to Senior Care for assistance from the Hoarding Task Force.

*Recommendation: None – informational only. This will be an ongoing process.*

**F. COVID-19 Updates**

(1) Case Count

As of January 7, 2020, Essex has had 94 confirmed positive cases (currently 11 active). Our webpage is updated with current numbers when we receive notification of new cases. This week will be our 4<sup>th</sup> week in a row having a “yellow” status on the state map, based on the 2 week reporting period prior to the updated map being released each Thursday afternoon. The color status for a community of under 10K population depends on the number of cases in the 2 week period: fewer than 10 new cases is gray, 11-15 new cases is green, 16-25 cases is yellow, and over 25 new cases is red.

We continue to remind residents of the importance of social distancing, wearing face coverings, and hand washing. Contact tracing continues to be an issue, with positive cases not providing the identifying information for their close contacts or acknowledging the isolation requirements.

- (2) We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Gloucester, allowing them to be responsible for all aspects of our First Responder vaccination clinics scheduled for next week. This includes vaccine storage and administration, as well as the paperwork and insurance billing after the fact.

Phase 2 will include individuals who are considered to be at high risk, early education and K12 teachers, front-facing service workers such as grocery, utility, public works, and public health workers, as well as adults 65+. Phase 2 vaccine distribution is estimated to occur between February and April.

Phase 3 of vaccine distribution is estimated to begin in April, and will be available to the rest of the general public.