

Administrator's Report

Board of Health Meeting of July 22, 2021

Report covers from 06/24 to 07/21/2021

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

A. Inspection Report Reviews

(1) 77 Choate Street, Guinee, Map 115, Lot 72 *

I have reviewed the Title 5 report for the inspection conducted at this property on June 10, 2021 by Gerardo Valentin. The inspector has noted that the system is functioning as intended and passes the Title 5 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, Gerardo Valentin, that the system passes the official Title 5 inspection conducted on June 10, 2021. The existing system is designed to accommodate a maximum of 5 bedrooms, or 550 gallons per day, and is not designed to accommodate the use of a garbage grinder.

B. Septic System Design Plan Reviews

(1) 6B Low Land Farm Road, Brown Dog Properties LLC, Map 141, Lot 2.1 *

I have reviewed the design plan for the proposed septic system at this property, designed by John Morin and dated June 25, 2021. The plan meets all state and local requirements for septic systems.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating that the septic system plan, designed by John Morin and dated June 25, 2021 is approved. The septic system is designed to accommodate a maximum of 5 bedrooms, or 550 gallons per day, and it is not designed to be used with a garbage disposal.

(2) 6C Low Land Farm Road, Brown Dog Properties LLC, Map 141, Lot 2.2 *

I have reviewed the design plan for the proposed septic system at this property, designed by John Morin and dated June 25, 2021. The plan meets all state and local requirements for septic systems.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating that the septic system plan, designed by John Morin and dated June 25, 2021 is approved. The septic system is designed to accommodate a maximum of 5 bedrooms, or 550 gallons per day, and it is not designed to be used with a garbage disposal.

(3) 82 Conomo Point Road, Winslow, Map 110, Lot 8 * (previously approved, just needs signatures)

I have reviewed the design plan for the for the proposed septic system at this property, designed by John Judd and dated March 1, 2021 with a revision date of May 18, 2021. The revised plan meets all state and local requirements for septic systems.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating that the septic system plan, designed by John Judd with a final revision date of May 18, 2021, is approved. The septic system is designed to accommodate a maximum of 3 bedrooms, or 330 gallons per day, and it is not designed to be used with a garbage disposal.

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C. Septic System Installations/Abandonments (informational only)

(1) 126 Conomo Point Road, Osburne, Map 108, Lot 66

I signed the Certificate of Compliance for the tight tank serving this property.

(2) 4 Belcher Street, Adams, Map 129, Lot 18

I observed the vacuum test, inspected the depth of the SAS, and conducted the final inspection for the installation of the septic system serving this property.

(3) 193 John Wise Avenue, Blanchette, Map 105, Lot 25

I observed the vacuum test and signed the Certificate of Compliance for the new septic tank serving this property.

(4) 28 Cogswell, Herold, Map 110, Lot 20

I inspected the conversion from septic tank to tight tank at this property. The previously installed septic tank was designed to be converted to a holding tank if/when the original septic system failed. The tank now has an alarm and float to indicate when the tank needs to be pumped.

(5) 54 Island Road, Auditore, Map 101, Lot 6

I inspected the installation of a new septic tank at this property, including the vacuum test. The septic tank has been connected to a new dwelling unit and the existing septic system on the same property.

D. Building Permit Applications (informational only)

(1) 48 Lufkin Street, Fletcher, Map 125, Lot 2

I signed the building permit application to construct a sunroom/greenhouse on this property. There is sufficient setback clearance between the addition and the private well on this property.

(2) 242 John Wise Avenue, Tremblay, Map 103, Lot 1

I signed the building permit application to convert this multi-use commercial building to an adult use marijuana facility. This facility is permitted to have both a retail component and a cultivation component, with up to 300 gallons per day discharged to the existing septic system.

(3) 1 Kings Court, Harmon, Map 151, Lot 17

I signed the building permit application to remove all plumbing from the existing dwelling at this property, thereby converting it to an accessory building, in anticipation of relocating the dwelling to 4

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King's Court. The property owner will be required to address any septic system and drinking water issues prior to a Certificate of Occupancy being issued, upon completion of the relocation and renovation.

E. COVID-19 & Other Updates

(1) Vaccine status

Essex currently has ~72% of its residents with at least one dose of covid vaccine. Through the Greater Cape Ann Community Collaboration, Essex is now hosting weekly vaccine clinics in the Library. These clinics are open to anyone age 12+, and we have both Pfizer and Janssen/J&J. We have had 2 clinics so far (one hour each) and have vaccinated 4 people. We will continue to offer vaccine clinics on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30am through August.

(2) Public Health Excellence Grants for Shared Services*

We have recently received grants for shared services; a new award is for a partnership with Hamilton, Wenham, and Manchester-by-the-Sea for a full time shared public health nurse and a part time shared social worker. The second award is with Gloucester, Rockport, and Manchester-by-the-Sea, and is a renewal of an earlier grant to fund a full time Mental Health Navigator. Both grants will be used to supplement, rather than replace, existing budgeted public health positions, and there is no expectation or matched funding requirements for either grant in Essex.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health vote to renew the shared services grant with our community partners on Cape Ann.

(3) Leave Use Notification*

I will be taking off 8/11-8/23. Leslie Whelan, the Health Agent from Rockport, has agreed to respond to any public health emergencies in my absence.