

**Administrator's Report**  
**Board of Health Meeting of May 13, 2021**

*Report covers from 04/21 to 05/12/2021*

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

**A. Inspection Report Reviews**

(1) 6 Pine Ridge Road, Glynos, Map 147, Lot 25 \*

I have reviewed the Title 5 report for the inspection conducted at this property on April 2, 2021, by Gerardo Valentin. The inspector has noted that the system is functioning as intended and passes the Title 5 inspection. A previous pumping report indicated the liquid level in the tank was high; the effluent filter in the outlet of the septic tank should be cleaned at least annually, or more often if needed based on use.

*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 April 2, 2021. The effluent filter in the outlet of the septic tank should be cleaned annually, or more often if needed, based on use. The system is designed for a maximum of 4 bedrooms.*

**B. Septic System Design Plan Reviews**

(1) Lot 6A Low Land Farm Road, Bergmann, Map 141, Lot 2\*

I have reviewed the plan for the proposed septic systems at this property, designed by John Morin and dated April 21, 2021. The plan shows 2 separate dwellings, with 2 complete, distinct septic systems. All technical details are in compliance with Title 5 and local septic regulations.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating the plan for the proposed septic systems on this property, designed by John Morin and dated April 21, 2021, is approved.*

(2) 67R Pond Street, Swerdlow, Map 154, Lot 3\*

I have reviewed the plan for the proposed septic tank replacement at this property, designed by Dan Johnson and dated February 16, 2021. The plan for the new septic tank meets all applicable Title 5 and local septic regulations.

*Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating the plan for the proposed septic tank replacement, designed by Dan Johnson and dated February 16, 2021, is approved.*

**C. Building Permit Applications (informational only)**

(1) 67 Wood Drive, Staid, Map 157, Lot 21

I signed the building permit application to construct a shed on the property. The downstairs will be a garage/workshop and the upstairs will be storage. This will not impact the septic system on the property.

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(2) 52 Lake Shore Drive, Porter, Map 155, Lot 6

I signed the building permit application to demolish and rebuild a set of stairs on the property. The property is connected to municipal sewer.

**D. Complaints**

(1) 23 Story Street, Voigts, Building 5, Unit 4

We received a complaint about the condition of this apartment, specifically a malodor emanating from the apartment into the common hallway. I have inspected this apartment and have been working with the occupant over the past 18 months to try to get services in place via SeniorCare to assist with cleaning and organization. I visited this apartment to conduct an inspection and noted that the unit was much cleaner than it had been on previous visits, indicating that she was receiving assistance. Ms. Voigts noted that her nephew has been helping her, but hadn't visited in several weeks. She also stated that a neighbor/friend helps her bring her trash to the dumpster. There were many empty orange juice and milk containers in her kitchen, but no significant odor was noted.

*Recommendation: None. There were no notable housing code violations at the time of my inspection. I will continue to stay in touch with this tenant and the property owner to ensure the cleanliness in this unit is maintained.*

(2) 92 Southern Avenue, Perry, Map 140, Lot 54-2

We have received a complaint about the conditions of this dwelling, specifically regarding the significant trash on the property, as well as an attached screen porch that has been converted to a chicken coop.

*Recommendation: Discussion. I have notified the Animal Health Inspector and we will be conducting a joint inspection on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 10am.*

**E. COVID-19 Updates**

(1) Case Count

As of May 13, 2021, Essex has had 194 total confirmed positive cases and 106 so far this year. 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) Vaccine Status

With the assistance of Conley's Pharmacy from Ipswich, we held a covid vaccine clinic for anyone 16+ at Essex Elementary School on May 12. We vaccinated ~30 individuals, and Conley's will be providing them with instructions on registering for their second dose for June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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In addition, with the assistance of Rachel Lee, Hamilton Public Health Nurse, several homebound individuals and their caregivers were provided with J&J vaccines. Sally Rich, BoH member, also assisted with this process.

To date, 68% of Essex residents 16+ have received at least one dose of vaccine. We continue to encourage members of the public to utilize local vaccination sites, including pharmacies, local public health clinics, and healthcare providers who are offering vaccine to the general public.

**(3) Youth and Amateur Sports\***

We received a complaint about players and spectators on Memorial Field not wearing masks or social distancing on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> between 5:30 and 6pm. These violations of the COVID regulations for youth and amateur sports were witnessed by a member of the Board of Health. I reached out the League manager, and verified that the teams on the field at that time were from the North Shore Freedom.

The guidance document provided to local Boards of Health by the EEA allows for a \$300 penalty for each violation. At the Board of Health meeting held on March 25, 2021, we acknowledged the requirements for youth and amateur adult sports outlined by the EEA, specifically the social distancing and face covering requirements for both players and spectators, as well as the requirement that dugouts and benches remain closed if players are not able to stay 6' apart when in use. This information was also passed on to each of the leagues [Manchester-Essex Little League (youth), North Shore Freedom (youth), and Legends Baseball (adult amateur)] and the requirements were acknowledged.

*Recommendation: Discussion on how to proceed with the enforcement of these requirements, specifically whether to issue a civil fine in the amount of \$300 to North Shore Freedom for failure to comply with the requirements for youth and adult amateur sports.*