

Administrator's Report

Board of Health Meeting of September 8, 2022

Report covers from 8/9 – 9/6/2022

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

A. Inspection Report Reviews

(1) 90-92 Southern Avenue, Trapp Rock Hill Condominium Trust, Map 140, Lot 54-1-1*

I have reviewed the report for the official Title 5 inspection conducted by Timothy Gannon on July 19, 2022 on the septic system serving this dwelling. The inspector has noted that the system passes the Title 5 inspection. The inspector reported that the two-family dwelling has a total of 7 bedrooms and that the average water use over the past 2 years has exceeded 800 gallons per day. Review of our files indicates the septic system is designed to serve a maximum daily flow of 660 gallons per day; any use above and beyond the approved flow will result in premature failure of the system.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating that we are in agreement with the determination of the inspector, Timothy Gannon, and that the system passes the Title 5 inspection conducted on July 19, 2022. The letter should also state that the system is designed for a maximum of 6 bedrooms, or 660 gallons per day (total, for both units) and that use above and beyond the approved maximum flow will result in premature failure of the septic system.

B. Septic Plan Reviews

None.

C. Other Permit Applications and Requests

(1) 67 Southern Avenue, Hilton, Map 140, Lot 68

I signed the building permit application for the renovation of the kitchen at this property.

(2) 22 John Wise Avenue, Godfrey, Map 120, Lot 4.1

I signed the building permit application for the installation of a tent at this property. The tent will be in place temporarily for a one-day event.

(3) 95 Apple Street, Corcoran, Map 148, Lot 6

I signed the building permit application for the partial demo and subsequent reconstruction of a two-story expansion of the master bedroom at this location. This will not result in an increase in flow to the existing septic system.

(4) 68 Grove Street, Nadai, Map 139, Lot 5

I signed the building permit application for the demo and reconstruction of an existing deck at this location. There will be no impact to the existing septic system.

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(5) 162 Main Street, Pierce, Map 136, Lot 16

I signed the building permit application for an interior demo at this location in anticipation of construction of a new commercial kitchen.

D. Septic Inspections and Other Field Work

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

I witnessed the vacuum tests for the septic tank and pump chamber for the new septic system serving this property.

(2) 0 Horstable & Emerson Lane, Bruce, Map 142, Lot 22

I witnessed the percolation testing at this property. The deep hole test pits were conducted in March 2021, but the percolation tests were postponed due to wet soil conditions.

(3) 4 Kings Court, Knight, Map 151, Lot 7

I inspected the pump chamber for the septic system serving this property to verify that the pump and high level alarm are functioning as intended.

(4) 77 Western Avenue, Perkins, Map 134, Lot 53

I signed the Certificate of Compliance for the abandonment of the failed septic system serving this property, as part of the process of connecting to municipal sewer.

(5) 48 Story Street, Andrews, Map 134, Lot 47

I signed the Certificate of Compliance for the abandonment of the failed septic system serving this property, including the leach pit for the washing machine discharge, as part of the process of connecting to municipal sewer.

E. Complaints and Other Updates

(1) Great Marsh Brewing, 99 Main Street, Map 135, Lot 2*

We were informed by the food permit holder, Craft Food Halls, that they have dissolved the partnership with Great Marsh Brewing, which effectively meant they voluntarily surrendered their food service establishment permit. We have been working with the owner of the facility, John Collins, to expedite the application process so there is a limited lapse in service at this location.

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Bobbie conducted a “pre-opening” inspection at this establishment on September 1, 2022 and found missing HACCP logs (required to be kept on file for review/inspection), as well as an overall lack of food safety knowledge. Bobbie asked that the PIC send each day's HACCP logs to us to ensure compliance with the requirements of the HACCP plan, and this request has been honored as of Saturday, September 3.

Recommendation: Discussion of permit status and possible other additional training requirements.

(2) Flu Clinics

We will be holding our annual seasonal flu clinic during Clam Fest, scheduled for October 22, 2022. We will have regular quadrivalent vaccine as well as the “high dose” formula for seniors. I have also reached out to Kristin Crockett to see if she would like for us to have a clinic at the Senior Center. We will also be offering flu shots to our first responders in early October.

(3) Covid Boosters

Our vaccine coalition has been approved to offer the new bivalent covid vaccine, and are awaiting delivery. However, the Essex Town Hall auditorium will be in use from early September through the end of October, and there isn't another suitable location to have large-scale clinics in Town. We will be advertising the Hamilton clinics, and our PHN will be assisting, likely on Friday afternoons starting in early September.

Essex Confirmed Case Counts

October 2021:	10	April 2022:	23
November 2021:	55	May 2022:	39
December 2021:	116	June 2022:	16
January 2022:	87	July 2022:	21
February 2022:	16	August 2022:	13
March 2022:	13		