

BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

1-21-21

Town of Essex, MA

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the town's website, at www.essexma.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so via Conference Call. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

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Dr. David Driscoll opened the meeting at 7:13 pm. He announced that the meeting was being held virtually. Ms. Sally Ann Rich, Clerk, Dr. Fares Mouchantaf, Member, Ms. Kirchner, BOH Administrator, and Ms. White, Administrative Clerk, also participated remotely.

- **Appointments**

7:00 pm, Public Meeting, Single-Use Plastics Ban Extension

7:15 pm, Dr. Driscoll opened the Public Meeting. Rob Fitzgibbon and Ruth Pereen participated remotely. Discussion: impact of extending the effective date of the single-use plastics ban.

7:50 pm, Public Meeting closed.

- **Minutes**

Ms. Rich made a motion for the Board to approve the minutes for November 24, 2020, as written. Dr. Driscoll seconded the motion. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to approve the minutes for January 7, 2021, as written. Dr. Mouchantaf so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Minutes are available for review in the Board of Health office or on line at www.essexma.org.

- **Bills Payable**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to retroactive approval bills payable #658, in the amount of \$270.00 and #659, in the amount of \$32.98. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Bills Payable are available for review in the Town Accountant's office.

- **Septic Plan Reviews**

Dr. Mouchantaf made a motion for the Board to approve the plan, for Kelly, to allow the new construction home to be connected to the existing septic system at 97 Conomo Point Road, Map 19, Lots 103, 105 and 106. The plan, designed by John Morin and is dated June 3, 2020, with a revision date of January 21, 2021. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the property owner shall submit the building plans to the BOH for review. Ms. Rich seconded the motion.

Ms. Rich made a motion for the Board to disapprove the proposed tight tank plan for the Laurel Lane LLC property at 1 Laurel Lane, for the reasons listed in the Agent's Report. The plan was designed by Chris Rokos of Meridian Associates and is dated December 9, 2020. Dr. Driscoll seconded the motion. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Septic Plans are available for review in the Board of Health office.

- **Permit Renewals**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to retroactively approval the 2021 permits renewals as listed below. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Retail Permit #13, Lark Foods, LLC, 8 Scott's Way, Essex, MA,
Septage & Offal Hauler Permit #23, Brad Robertson, Gloucester, MA and
Keeping of Stable Animals Permit #14, Kevin & Tammy Kirby, 171 Western Ave.

- **Other Concerns, Issues & BOH Business**

Covid 19 Updates: Discussion as per Agent's Report.

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to grant a blanket variance for all Essex establishments to extend the effective date of Single-Use Plastics Ban from January 1, 2021 to July 1, 2021. Ms. Rich also made the suggestion that there be no further extension, to which the Board agreed. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Next BOH meeting: 02-11-21

Prepared by: _____
Ann White

Attested by: _____
Ms. Sally Ann Rich, Clerk

Signed date: _____