

BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

8-5-21

Town Hall, 30 Martin Street, Essex, MA

Dr. David Driscoll, Chair, and Ms. Sally Ann Rich, Clerk, present. Dr. Fares Mouchantaf called in at 7:30 pm. Ms. Erin Kirchner, Health Agent, present. Ms. Ann White, not present.

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to open the meeting at 7:05 pm. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Appointments**

7:15 pm, John Bennett, 4 Kings Court, variance request. Mr. Bennett, design engineer, working on the 4 King's Court project, requested a variance from Essex Design Standards 600.31, which limits septic system design plans to a single 24" x 36" sheet for conventional systems (or two sheets for a large property with many dwellings) and two 24" x 36" sheets for an alternative system. The plan Mr. Bennet submitted is on 20, 11" x 17" sheets. Discussion. Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion to deny the variance request. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Bills Payable**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board approve Bills Payable #675, in the amount of \$342.80. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Title 5 Inspection Reports**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to sign and send a letter to Harlow-Powell, 32 Pond Street, Map 146, Lot 5, stating that the Board is in agreement with the determination of inspector Jon Granz, that the septic system serving this property passed the official Title 5 inspection conducted on June 21, 2021. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Septic Plan Reviews**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to sign and send a letter to US Bank Trust, re: 9 Hill Road, Map 155, Lot 14 stating that the Board approved the 3 bedroom tight tank plan for this property, designed by Brendan Pyburn with a final revision date of July 13, 2021. Prior to issuance of a Disposal Works Construction Permit, the property owner shall record a notice with the Registry of Deeds declaring the existence of the tight tank and restricting the dwelling to no more than three bedrooms. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Permit Renewals**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to approve the following Temporary Food Event Permits: #1, Joe's On A Roll and #2, Essex Lions Club, for the St. Jude's fundraising event, Shave to Save, which will be held at the Village Restaurant parking lot on August 9, 2021. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

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

Essex Shipbuilding Museum, 66 Main Street, kitchen variance request. Dr. Driscoll recused himself. Discussion. Ms. Rich made a motion to grant variance from the requirement of a mop sink in the seasonal kitchen to Essex Shipbuilding Museum, with the option to continue annually. Dr. Mouchantaf seconded the motion. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Ms. Rich made a motion for the Board to have Dr. Driscoll sign the standing orders to request BinaxNOW Rapid Point of Care COVID tests for the Essex BOH. Dr. Driscoll seconded the motion. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Discussion on Delta variant, possible mask mandates and other restrictions in municipal buildings. Tabled.

Ms. Rich made a motion for the Board to close the meeting at 8:05 pm. Dr. Driscoll seconded the motion. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Next BOH meeting: 08-26-21

Prepared by: _____
Ann White

Attested by: _____
Ms. Sally Ann Rich, Clerk

Signed date: _____