

# BOARD OF HEALTH

# MINUTES

10-14-21

Town Hall, 30 Martin Street, Essex, MA

Dr. David Driscoll, Chair, Ms. Sally Ann Rich, Clerk, and Dr. Fares Mouchantaf, Member, present. Ms. Erin Kirchner, Health Agent and Ms. Ann White, Administrative Assistant, present.

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to open the meeting at 7:00 pm. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.** Dr. Mouchantaf arrived at 7:35 pm.

- **Appointments**

7:15 pm, John Duncan re: 5 Cogswell Road, Title 5 Inspection: Discussion. See Title 5 Inspection Reports below.

7:30 pm, Dave McPherson re: 194 Southern Avenue, Well Variance: Discussion. See Wells, below.

- **Minutes**

Dr. Mouchantaf made a motion for the Board to approve the minutes, as written, for June 24, 2021. Dr. Driscoll seconded the motion. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Ms. Rich made a motion for the Board to approve the minutes, as written, for September 9, 2021. Dr. Driscoll seconded the motion. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Bills Payable**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to retroactively approval bills payable #679, in the amount of \$4,924.78. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to approve bills payable #680 in the amount of \$1,592.53. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Title 5 Inspection Reports**

The Board agreed to continue the issue of the failed septic system pending results from a new Title 5 inspection of the system serving 5 Cogswell Road, Map 110, Lot 28. The new Title 5 must be conducted no later than 11/24/21.

Dr. Driscoll made a motion for the Board to sign and send a letter to Bona, 47A Choate Street, Map 105, Lot 12.1, stating that the Board is in agreement with the determination of inspector Michael Fisher that the system passed the official Title 5 inspection conducted on August 17, 2021. This system is designed to accommodate no more than 2 bedrooms. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to sign and send a letter to McPherson, 37 Wood Drive, Map 154, Lot 29, stating that the Board is in agreement with the determination of inspector Daniel Ottenheimer, that the system passed the official Title 5 inspection conducted on September 9, 2021. However, the inspector noted that the dwelling has a water treatment unit that discharges into the septic system. Water softeners and other chemicals should not be

discharged to an on-site wastewater system. The existing system is designed to accommodate no more than 2 bedrooms. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to sign and send a letter to Bediz, 85 Conomo Point Road, Map 110, Lot 59, stating that the Board is in agreement with the determination of inspection Jon Granz, that the two bedroom tight tank passed the official Title 5 inspection conducted on September 7, 2021. However, no pumping contract was included with the Title 5 inspection, a requirement for all holding tanks. The property owner shall submit a pumping contract no later than November 1, 2021. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Permits**

Ms. Rich made a motion for the Board to approve the TFE Permit #9 for The Whoopie Wagon, Greenbelt 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration which will be held at the Cox Reservation on 10-23-21 from 1-4 pm. Dr. Driscoll seconded the motion. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Mouchantaf made a motion for the Board to retroactively approve the following permits: TFE Permit #5, Coordinator's Permit, Alison Taylor & Natasha Taylor, Essex Historical Society & Shipbuilding Museum Farmer's Market, 9/27/21, 3-6 pm.

TFE Permit #6, Cape Ann Sea Salt Co., Essex Historical Society & Shipbuilding Museum Farmer's Market, 9/27/21, 3-6 pm.

TFE Permit #7, Ribs Within, DBA Meat & Sweet Foods, Essex Historical Society & Shipbuilding Museum Farmers Market, 9/27/21, 3-6 pm.

Ms. Rich so moved. (Dr. Driscoll recused himself as a member at the Essex Shipbuilding Museum.) **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Mouchantaf made a motion for the Board to retroactively approve Septage Hauler Permit #10 for United Rentals, Inc. DBA Reliable Onsite Services, Westborough, MA. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Wells**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to sign the well water supply form for Hickey, 111 Belcher Street, Map 115, Lot 4.1. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to approve Mr. McPherson's requested variance to allow a well to be shared among two or more dwellings on the property at 194 Southern Avenue, Map 209, Lot 1, for as long as the property is held by one owner. If ownership transfers to separate owners, the proposed three houses would each need a separate well. Dr. Mouchantaf so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

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

2022 BOH meeting schedule, given to the Board members.

Lions Club, Turkey Trot Road Race: Discussion. No BOH recommendations, MA DPH does not have any additional Covid requirements in place for events, particularly events that are held outdoors.

Halloween, Trick or Treat: Discussion. No BOH recommendations, CDC has provided guidance stating trick-or-treat is generally low risk for Covid as it's an outside event, but advises against indoor activities.

Municipal water supply, area of Gravelly and Round Pond: Review of correspondence. Discussion. No official statement will be offered from the BOH at this time as the state oversees developments of this size.

- **Items that could not be reasonably anticipated by the Chairman within 48 hours of meeting**  
None.

Next BOH meeting: 10-28-21

Prepared by:

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Ann White

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Sally Ann Rich, Clerk

Signed date: \_\_\_\_\_