

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

## **MINUTES**

**1-13-22**

3<sup>rd</sup> floor Auditorium, Town Hall, 30 Martin Street, Essex, MA

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

Dr. Driscoll called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Ms. Pereen called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Among others participating remotely by phone: Guy Bradford & Peter Phippen.

Dr. Driscoll reminded everyone that, following the same format as at the last BOH meeting, public comment would be limited to 15 minutes total time, with each speaker allowed only one opportunity to speak for up to two minutes.

7:10 pm, Dr. Driscoll opened public comment. Heard amongst others: Mr. Woodman, Ms. Cole, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Shea, Ms. Shea, Mr. Ciulla, Ms. Ciulla, Mr. Weinberg and Mr. Lawler.  
7:35 pm, Dr. Driscoll closed public comment.

### **Minutes**

Ms. Rich made a motion for the Board to approve the minutes for December 9, 2021, as written, with additional comments re: septic plan reviews for 37 Choate Street and 6 Kings Court, to include the wording that the septic systems were approved with no garbage grinders. Roll call vote: Dr. Driscoll seconded the motion, Ms. Rich, aye, Dr. Mouchantaf, aye. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Ms. Rich made a motion for the Board to approve the minutes for December 23, 2021, as written. Roll call vote: Dr. Mouchantaf seconded the motion, Ms. Rich, aye, Dr. Driscoll, aye. **Vote: All in Favor.**

### **Bills Payable**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to approve Bills Payable #685, in the amount of \$1,248.44. Roll call vote: Ms. Rich so moved, Dr. Mouchantaf, aye, Dr. Driscoll aye. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to retroactively approval Bills Payable #684, in the amount of \$506.18. Roll call vote: Ms. Rich seconded the motion, Dr. Mouchantaf, aye, Dr. Driscoll, aye. **Vote: All in Favor.**

### **Title 5 Inspection Reports**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to sign and send a letter to DeWitt, 21 Story Street, Map 129, Lot 46, stating that the Board is in agreement with the determination of inspector Jonathan Granz, that the septic system serving this property passed the official Title 5 inspection conducted on December 7, 2021. The system is designed to accommodate 4

bedrooms and is not designed to accommodate the use of a garbage grinder. Roll call vote: Ms. Rich seconded the motion, Dr. Mouchantaf, aye, Dr. Driscoll, aye. **Vote: All in Favor.**

### **Permits**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to approve the two permits listed below:

Septage Hauler Permit #8, Wayne Barme, Wilmington, MA

Food Establishment Permit (Seasonal) #26, Essex River Cruises, 35 Dodge St.

Roll call vote: Ms. Rich seconded the motion, Dr. Mouchantaf, aye, Dr. Driscoll, aye. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Ms. Rich made a motion for the Board to retroactively approval the permits listed below:

Keeping of Animals Permit #10, James & Susanne McLaughlin, 160 Gregory Island Rd.

Food Service Establishment Permit #24, Cape Ann Pizza, 65 Eastern Ave.

Food Service Establishment Permit #25, Essex Pizza & Restaurant, 235 Western Ave.

Disposal Works Installer's Permit #17, Robert J. Perry, Ipswich, MA.

Roll call vote: Dr. Mouchantaf so moved, Dr. Driscoll, aye, Ms. Rich, aye. **Vote: All in Favor.**

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

Discussion: RN Wellness offered to set up a Covid 19 testing site in Essex. Location, indirect costs related to a one-time or ongoing service were all considered. Police Chief Francis expressed concern about local traffic disruption. **No action taken at this time.**

Discussion: Mask mandate and possible additional mandates.

Ms. Kirchner present the Board with updates: current Covid 19 positivity rates, mask mandates and Covid 19 vaccination rates in Essex and surrounding communities.

Dr. Mouchantaf presented the Board with Beverly Hospital Covid 19 hospitalizations and continued reduced staffing issues.

Ms. Rich presented the Board with updates on GCACC Covid 19 Clinics.

Dr. Driscoll presented the Board with the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center Covid 19 Map.

**No changes or additions to mask mandate at this time.**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to approve the FY 2023 BOH Budget, as written.

Discussion to increase the Essex Public Health Nurse salary to be more comparable to other PHN's in the area; a request has been submitted to the Town Administrator/Personnel Manager to amend the job description to allow such an increase. Roll call vote: Ms. Rich seconded the motion, Dr. Mouchantaf, aye, Dr. Driscoll, aye. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll closed the BOH meeting at 8:15 pm.

Mr. Bradford closed the BOS meeting at 8:16 pm.

**Next BOH meeting: 1-27-22**

Prepared by:

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Ann White

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

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