

# BOARD OF HEALTH

# MINUTES

4-14-22

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

Dr. David Driscoll, Chair, Ms. Sally Ann Rich, Clerk, Ms. Erin Kirchner, Health Agent and Ms. Ann White, Administrative Assistant, present. Dr. Fares Mouchantaf, Member, not present.

Dr. Driscoll opened the meeting at 7:03 pm and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

- **Appointments**

7:15 pm, Robert Hines, Jesse Blanchette & Bob Griffin, were in attendance for 26 John Wise Lane re: 2<sup>nd</sup> deep well application. The owner of the 26 John Wise Lane property is requesting a variance to drill a second deep well because the 1<sup>st</sup> deep well, in the preferred location, was drilled and found to be not potable. That well will be used for geothermal heating. The proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> well requires a variance as it is within the 100' setback to a neighboring septic system, a distance of 78.9'. See Well Permits below.

7:30 pm, Joyce Redford, M.Ed., Director North Shore/Cape Ann Tobacco Policy Program, in attendance. Ms. Redford presented information re: the sale of hemp derived products containing Delta-8 THC and updated MA tobacco regulations. The Essex BOH must update local regulations to reflect these changes; specifically 105 CMR 665.040 Requirements for Retail Establishments and CMR 105 665.045 Violations.

7:45 pm, Danielle Larrabee, re: Summer Intern Position, was remotely interviewed by the Board. Post interview, Dr. Driscoll made a motion for the Board to hire Ms. Larrabee as a summer intern. The focus of her 80 - 100 hour position will be to assist the Board of Health Administrator in developing an alternative mosquito management plan including public education and outreach. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Minutes**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to approve the minutes, as written, for March 10, 2022. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Bills Payable**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to retroactively approve the following bills payable: #687 in the amount of \$752.60, #688 in the amount of \$1,967.39 and #689 in the amount of \$300.00. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to approve bills payable #690, in the amount of \$1,818.07. 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 Dyer, 18R County Road, Map 143, Lot 69, stating that the Board is in agreement with the determination of inspector Jonathan Granz, the system serving this 4 bedroom property, passed the official Title 5 inspection conducted on February 15, 2022. This septic system was not designed to accommodate a garbage grinder. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to sign and send a letter to Casey/Sanford, 2 Hardys Lane, Map 101, Lot 14, stating that the Board is in agreement with the determination of inspector John Duncan, that the 2 bedroom system passed the official Title 5 inspection conducted on March 22, 2022. The shared system is designed for a maximum of 9 bedrooms and is not designed to accommodate a garbage grinder. The next routine inspection of this system shall be conducted no later than March 22, 2023. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to sign and send a letter to Greenhead Essex Realty Trust, 5 Hardys Lane, Map 101, Lot 19, stating that the Board is in agreement with the determination of inspector John Duncan, that the 3 bedroom system passed the official Title 5 inspection conducted on March 22, 2022. The shared system is designed for a maximum of 9 bedrooms and is not designed to accommodate a garbage grinder. The next routine inspection of this system shall be conducted no later than March 22, 2023. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to sign and send a letter to Ronchetti, 7 Hardys Lane, Map 101, Lot 18, stating that the Board is in agreement with the determination of inspector John Duncan, that the 2 bedroom system passed the official Title 5 inspection conducted on March 22, 2022. The shared system is designed for a maximum of 9 bedrooms and is not designed to accommodate a garbage grinder. The next routine inspection of this system shall be conducted no later than March 22, 2023. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to sign and send a letter to Doyle, 8 Hardys Lane, Map 101, Lot 15, stating that the Board is in agreement with the determination of inspector John Duncan, that the 2 bedroom system passed the official Title 5 inspection conducted on March 22, 2022. The shared system is designed for a maximum of 9 bedrooms and is not designed to accommodate a garbage grinder. The next routine inspection of this system shall be conducted no later than March 22, 2023. 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 Stone/Congdon, 37 Choate Street, Map 105, Lot 14, stating that the Board approved the six bedroom septic system for this property, designed by John Judd and dated September 27, 2021. This previously approved plan was revised on March 7, 2022 due to a request from the Conservation Commission to relocate the proposed soil absorption system. The new plan shows the SAS fully outside the 100' wetland buffer zone, when only 50' is required. The system is not designed to accommodate a garbage grinder. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Well Permit Reviews**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to approve the variance request for Hines, 26 John Wise Lane, Map 101, Lot 32, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> deep well to be drilled 78.9' from a neighboring septic system rather than the required 100'. See appointments above. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Permits**

Ms. Rich made a motion for the Board to sign the permits as listed below:

Disposal Works Installers Permit #20, Blake J. Seale, West Newbury, MA

Keeping of Stable Animals Permit #12, Hannah Pereira, 21 John Wise Ave.

Food Service Establishment Permit #30, First Universalist Church of Essex, 59 Main St.

Retail Food Service Establishment Permit #7, The Village Creamery, 2 Martin St. (dates amended)

Mobile Food Permit #1, Butter “UR” Biscuit, Beverly, MA

Septage Hauler Permit #10, The Shed, Gloucester, MA

Dr. Driscoll seconded the motion. **Vote: All in Favor.**

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

COVID update: Ms. Kirchner updated the Board as to Essex Covid Vaccine Clinics, Rapid Antigen Testing kits available to Essex residents and Covid Case Counts.

Discussion: alternative mosquito management plan. Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to opt out of the MA Northeast Mosquito Control District. Ms. Rich so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

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

Dr. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

**Next BOH meeting: 4-28-22**

Prepared by:\_\_\_\_\_ Attested by:\_\_\_\_\_

Ann White

Ms. Sally Ann Rich, Clerk

Date Signed:\_\_\_\_\_