

Administrator's Report
Board of Health Meeting of December 9, 2021

Report covers from 11/18 – 12/9/2021

Items requiring Board vote are noted with an asterisk ()*

A. Inspection Report Reviews

None

B. Septic System & Well Installations/Abandonments (information only)

None

C. Septic Plan Reviews

(1) 37 Choate Street, Congdon, Map 105, Lot 14*

I have reviewed the plan for the proposed septic system at this property, designed by John Judd and dated September 27, 2021. The plan is fully compliant with all state and local septic regulations.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating the septic system plan designed by John Judd and dated September 27, 2021 is approved. The proposed septic system is designed to accommodate a maximum of 6 bedrooms, or 660 gallons per day, and is not designed to accommodate the use of a garbage grinder.

(2) 6 King's Court, King's Court Trust, Map 151, Lot 7*

I have reviewed the plan for the proposed septic system at this property, designed by John Bennett and dated June 1, 2021 with a revision date of November 1, 2021. The plan is fully compliant with all state and local septic regulations.

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Health send a letter to the property owner stating the septic system plan designed by John Bennett and with a final revision date of November 1, 2021 is approved. The proposed septic system is designed to accommodate a maximum of 4 bedrooms, or 440 gallons per day, and is not designed to accommodate the use of a garbage grinder.

D. COVID-19 & Other Updates

(1) Vaccine updates

708 adult vaccines administered (including 129 today, 12/9). This includes primary and booster doses. 62 pediatric vaccines administered (for the 5 to <12 age group). We have 35 scheduled for tomorrow, 12/10.

We will continue to run weekly vaccine clinics until further notice. Adult (12+) vax are offered on Thursday mornings, and pediatric (5 to <12) are offered on Friday afternoons.

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(2) Positive Case Count

August 2021:	11
September 2021:	28
October 2021:	10
November 2021:	50
December 2021:	21
(to date)	

(3) Neighboring Community Updates

Community	14 day positivity rate* 11/14-11/27	14 day positivity rate* 11/21-12/4	Avg. Daily Incidence Rate** 11/14-11/27	Avg. Daily Incidence Rate** 11/21-12/4
Essex	7.46%	7.59%	44.1	51.7
Manchester	5.47%	5.27%	35	30.6
Gloucester	5.67%	9.91%	37.5	75.7
Rockport	5.77%	9.28%	57.5	74.1

*Positivity rate is calculated using molecular (PCR) tests only, and is calculated by dividing the number of positive tests by the total number of tests conducted during the time period.

**Average daily incidence rate is the number of positive cases per 100,000 residents – used to compare data between communities with differing population sizes.

(4) BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Testing

We continue to offer rapid Antigen tests to town employees using the BinaxNOW test kits provided by DPH. All results are reported to DPH as required, and symptomatic individuals are still recommended to obtain a PCR test, even if the Ag is negative.