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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Date/Time of Meeting: Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at 5:30pm
Location of Meeting: Connected via ZOOM, centralized at 155 Village St, Medway
Committee Members Present: Eric Lindstrom (C), Jack Mill (VC), Khalid Abdi, Katherine Tonelli
Visitors Present: Terry and Julie Gross of 6 Stephanie Drive
Town Employees Present: Beth Hallal, Kelly OBrien
Call to Order: 5:30pm
Minutes Review: March 22nd, 2021 - APPROVED

Item 1:

6 Stephanie Drive
(sodium levels in well)

Mr. & Mrs. Gross opened with they intend on moving and had their well water tested. According to the Medway regulations, their private well sodium levels should be at a 20.0 per ml/L maximum, and the results came back at 20.2 ml/L. They are looking for the BOH to waive the requirements to have the sodium levels recorded on the deed based on the test results. Mr. Gross went on to describe that he had the Town Hall water tested and those results came back at 59.1; noting that the Town is holding private well owners to a higher standard than the water quality of the town. Mr. Gross also described how he investigated sodium levels with the DPW, spoke to water-testing laboratories, obtained documentation, etc...Mr. Lindstrom stated that the town water is different from the well water, giving examples of other towns and guidelines and noting that 20 ml/L is the number for someone on a stringent diet or has health conditions, but 30 – 60ml/L seems to be the average for surrounding town averages. Mr. Lindstrom stated that according to the BOH Regulations for Private Water Supply, § G, paragraph 2, he would like to motion for a variance; meaning that upon the sale of their house, when submitting the water results, submit the minutes to this meeting that this was reviewed by the Board, and if needed, a letter would be written and the Board is asking for a copy of the final sale documents for town recordings. Mr. and Mrs. Gross agreed to this variance and were satisfied.

Mr. Lindstrom made a motion for a variance for 6 Stephanie Rd; submitting notification that this was brought to the Board of Health, seconded by Mr. Mill, all approved.

Agenda Item 2:

9 Spruce Road
(Septic Repair)

Ms. Hallal introduced this as being a 4 bedroom home and putting in a Eljen Geotextile Sand Filter System. Because they are using this type of system, only a 3 foot separation is required. Ms. Hallal recommends approval for this system.

Mr. Lindstrom made a motion for approval for a system repair at 9 Spruce Road, seconded by Ms. Tonelli; all approved.

Agenda Item 3:

158 Holliston Street
(New Septic System)

Ms. Hallal indicated that this was approved in the past, but because of delays and changes, it had to come back for re-approval. This is a 4-bedroom, new construction and Ms. Hallal recommends approval for this system.

Mr. Lindstrom made a motion for approval for a new septic system at 158 Holliston Street, Mr. Abdi seconded; all approved.

Agenda Item 4:
160 Holliston Street
(New Septic System)

Ms. Hallal stated that it is the same as 158 Holliston Street, as it is the same builder. It is a 4-bedroom new construction and she also recommends approval for this system.

Mr. Lindstrom made a motion for approval for a new septic system at 160 Holliston Street, seconded by Ms. Tonelli; approved by all.

Agenda Item 5:
Homebound
Vaccinations

Ms. Hallal stated that to date, 35 homebound residents and their caregivers within the town of Medway have been inoculated. Our Johnson & Johnson vaccines have been locked away since the CDC has advised holding off on using it due to adverse side effects. We have until Friday April 23rd to find out what to do with the rest of our supply, otherwise we have the option of obtaining the Moderna vaccine from the Department of Public Health to finish vaccinating the homebound residents and their caregivers. The EMT's went to the homes and gave the vaccinations, having no problems, noting the residents were happy with this service.

Tabled Items:

35 Milford Street – remains tabled at this time
Private Water Supply – regulations and recommendations

Next Meeting:

TBD

Adjournment:

6:05pm

Respectfully submitted by K. OBrien on 2021.04.21