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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
September 1, 2020 – MINUTES**

Members Present: William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno

Others Present: Meegan Lancaster, Lorna Welch, Chris Alley

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

APPOINTMENTS:

- Chris Alley on behalf of Laura Rich – 0 Fitchburg Ave., Map 13 Parcel 22 - Continued
 - To reduce the required distance from the proposed sanitary disposal facility to several neighboring sanitary disposal facilities from 300' down to 25'± (nearest Assessor Parcel 13-21)

Ms. Lancaster stated that there is no look back on taxes. It was previously deemed unbuildable and is now considered buildable. Mr. Goldsmith stated that the BOH could grant the variance request of reduction in separation. Mr. Butterick inquired how the property went from being unbuildable for 20 years or more at the request of the property owner to now being buildable. Ms. Lancaster replied that the approval of a building permit would deem a property buildable and the Assessor has changed the assessment to buildable parcel for fiscal 2021. There was further discussion about the possibility of the homeowners putting in an I/A system and the Board not endorsing any particular type of system. Mr. Butterick made a motion to approve. All in favor.

- Chris Alley on behalf of Susan & Paul Hughes – 16 Plymouth Ave., Map 8 Parcel 107
 - Proposed septic tank to foundation: 5' (10' required)
 - Proposed septic tank to property line (Assr Pcl 8-18): 3' (10' required)
 - Proposed leaching field to slab: 3' (10' required)
 - Proposed leaching field to property lines (Assr Pcl 8-108): 5' (10' required); (Assr Pcl 8-104): 4' (10' required); (Assr Pcl 8-105): 4' (10' required); (Assr Pcl 8-106): 5' (10' required)
 - 11% reduction in required leaching capacity: 393 GPD provided, 440 GPD required

Mr. Alley stated that this is an old house in the Highlands area, has four bedrooms and a stressed cesspool. He put together a design to accommodate the limited space and the limited ability of getting the equipment in to build the system. Cannot set a normal concrete septic tank, they would have to use a plastic one with infiltrators because you wouldn't need as big of equipment to install. It is the best that can fit on the property which has no ground water issues and great soil. Mr. Zinno made a motion to approve. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- July 7, 2020 - Approved
- July 9, 2020 - Approved
- July 14, 2020 - Approved

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:

- Covid-19 updates

The recent change by the Governor is that it is required to order food in restaurants if ordering alcohol. There has been a complaint about Donovan's at Nancy's for which Ms. Lancaster will speak to Chief Blake about. Overall mask compliance has been much better.

AGENT / ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:

- Review of Assistant Health Agent job description

They will be advertising for this position after we move the offices to the trailers at the end of September due to lack of space in our current offices. This position will be a back-up for the Health Agent and crossed trained in administrative duties so they would be able to cover for either position. They will have 18 months to get soil evaluation, swimming pool and ServSafe certifications.

We will need to readdresses long term planning and also planning for the regional grant we received.

- Summary of Covid-19 violations

In response to complaints Ms. Lancaster has given 16 verbal warnings regarding primarily mask usage in retail and rental establishments and table spacing in restaurants. She has written two tickets for employee mask usage.

Mr. Zinno made a motion to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, Administrative Assistant.