

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
December 7, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Lindsay Gordon and Peter DeTerra. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent and Paula Medeiros, Administrative Assistant.

Vice Chairwoman Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2016.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. DeTerra; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous.

Before the Board:

Mr. Alan Ewing, P.E., Ewing Engineering, Fairhaven, MA was before the Board for a proposed repair septic plan for 19 Silver Shell Beach Drive. Mr. Ewing presented a returned certified mail receipt from 21 Silver Shell Beach Drive as proof of delivery to an immediate abutter with notice of this meeting. The abutter Ms. Balthazar was also present and questioned if the proposed repair would utilize her driveway for access. Mr. Ewing stated it would not and showed her the proposed plan. Ms. Balthazar accepted the explanation and left the meeting. The proposed plan is for a new 2000 gallon monolithic combination septic tank and dosing tank and a new Eljen Geotextile Sand Filter (GSF) leaching facility for the two-bedroom dwelling replacing the existing cesspool. The GSF is an approved DEP remedial use leaching facility which is in keeping with the requirements for use. The design required the following variances from DEP's Title 5: (1) 15.212-groundwater separation less than 4', (2) 15.211-leaching facility less than 10' from the north property line, (3) 15.255-overdig less than 5' on all sides, (4) 15.227-tank inlets are less than 12" above high groundwater elevation, (5) 15.104-a sieve analysis was performed in place of a percolation test due to high groundwater and (6) Board of Health Regulations, Chapter 5, Sec. 14-leaching facility is 52' from a BVW. A deed restriction noting the use of the GSF and that the dwelling is a two bedroom dwelling will be provided to the Board after construction. The proposed repair constitutes the maximum feasible compliance with current Title 5 and will provide a significant benefit to groundwater without undue inconvenience and expense to the owners and neighborhood. Motion to approve the plan with the requested variances was made by Mr. DeTerra; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous.

Health Agent's Report:

The board reviewed and discussed the food establishment inspection log sheets.

The Health Agent stated that she had attended a meeting of Bristol DA Quinn, III's "Underage Substance Abuse Task Force" in Taunton on November 16. As a result a discussion with Town Administrator Mark Rees ensued and Mr. Rees is interested in starting a Fairhaven task force involving Town departments. This should occur in early 2017.

The Board reviewed and signed invoices.

There being no other business before the Board, Mr. DeTerra motioned to adjourn; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Medeiros, Administrative Assistant

