

Westhampton Board of Health Minutes Thursday, October 19, 2023

Att: Katch Bacheller, Chair (KB), Mark Bushee, Health Director (MB), Bri Dupras (BD), Niki Vaughn, Health Agent (NV) Guests: Marylou Bridges (MLB), John DellaTorre (JD), Lori Ingraham (LI), Terry Schmidt (TS), Risa Teall (RT)

Meeting Start: 6:02 PM

I. Minutes – September 21, 2023

- A. KB moves to accept
- B. BD seconds
- C. Passes unanimously

II. Update on Foothills Health District, Including Foothills Meeting notes – Tabled

III. Update Westhampton Issues from Mark and Niki (Health Director, Health Agent

- A. MB discusses a Facebook post from Wind Water at 71 Northwest Rd. regarding offering food at public events at their property.
 - 1. MB has reached out to the owners and left a voicemail.
 - 2. KB to add to the next agenda.
- B. KB discusses the West Nile Virus post that went onto the Westhampton website initiated by Mike Archbald
 - 1. Westhampton remains “remote” level for WNV
 - 2. KB discusses taking the post down when appropriate
- C. DPH Survey
 - 1. Currently at 21 Surveys for Westhampton
 - 2. The survey is being offered at the COVID and Flu Clinic on October 23 at the Town Hall.
- D. COVID Clinic – Scheduled for October 23 at the Town Hall
- E. KB mentions being able to order tick pullers with COVID tests

IV. Public Hearing to Discuss Variance Request for 71 Pine Island Lake

- A. KB made motion to suspend BoH meeting and open the Public Hearing
- B. BD seconds
- C. All in favor –
 - 1. KB – yes
 - 2. BD – yes

3. Unanimous
- D. MB discusses variance request for septic system
 1. Owners are requesting a variance to the 50 foot setback to the lake (asking 26 feet.)
 2. MB explains the limitations to the lot and lack of alternative options/areas to put the system
 3. MB states the Conservation Commission has approved the plan in its current location
 4. JT asked of this technology required inspections
 5. BD explained that some I/A systems require operation and maintenance plans
 6. LI asked if her well was within the setback area
 7. BD and MB explained that the engineer is required to identify any wells within the minimum setbacks in Title 5
 8. MB will confirm with the engineer that no other wells (neighbors) are within the setback area.
- E. BD makes a motion to close the public hearing.
 1. KB seconds
 2. All agree.
- F. BD makes a motion to approve the request to reduce the required minimum Title 5 setbacks to: 26' to surface waters, 50' to the owners well, and 8.6' to the property line.
 1. KB Seconds
 2. All in favor
- G. BD makes another motion to close Public Hearing
 1. KB seconds
 2. All in favor
- H. BD makes motion to reopen the BoH Meeting
 1. KB seconds
 2. All in favor.

V. Health Director and Health Agent Issues

- A. MLB asked MB how she can find the location of her septic system
 1. MB advised her that he could look it up at the office
 2. He took her mailing address and let her know he would be in touch.
- B. NV advised that there was nothing in the files for 33 North Rd.

VI. PHE Grant – KB Tabled

VII. Opioid Grant – Update – KB tabled

VIII. CPR Classes & October Fall Festival – KB Tabled

IX. New Business

- A. COVID tests are in.
 - 1. KB will stop by the Library and the Food Pantry to see if they want any
 - 2. If they do, she will drop them off
- B. Naloxboxes
 - 1. BD dropped off a full Naloxbox to the Town Administrative Assistant for the Town Hall.
 - 2. KB asked if we could get more if needed in the future.
 - 3. BD stated that more boxes can be obtained if needed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6 PM

Adjourned, 6:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Bri Dupras

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