

Westhampton Board of Health Minutes April 22, 2021

Attending: Robby Armenti (RA), David Blakesley (DB), Mark Bushee, Health Agent (DB), Tom Martin, Chair (TM) Guests: Ginny Curtis (GC), Phil Dowling (PD), Katherine Kaminsky (KK), David Kelley (DK), Paul Kennedy (PK), Shirl Morgan (SM), Meaghan Schwelm (MS)

Call to Order: 1:04 PM

1. Minutes of April 8, 2021

- Moved to accept with changes – TM
- 2nd – DB
- Approved unanimously

2. Public Safety Complex

- DK from Meridian Associates forwarded soil evaluation, perc test, and application for disposal works permit
- Site plan forwarded to the Board
 - a. DB went to the Town Hall to look at the full sized plan.
 - b. Says it looks all right
 - c. Form 11 (soil suitability) filled out
 - d. Details everything that would be on a Form 12 – describes permeability of soil perc test – needs to be submitted, as well.
- DK will submit a Form 12
- Nearby stream and well not shown on the Plan
- DK notes that the stream is intermittent; described as more of a wetland area
 - a. Approved by the Conservation Commission
 - b. Well is on private property in plain view.
 - c. Visible from the road.
- DK notes that the 8 page site plan has been submitted
 - a. Last 2 pages pertinent to Board of Health
 - b. Soil
 - c. Septic systems
 - d. Wetlands
 - e. Tight tanks – one piece fiberglass units
- TM – why did you opt for pump rather than gravity feed?
 - a. DK – system is more level
 - b. DB – gravity seems more simple; couldn't you raise system?
 - c. DK – possible to raise system only one more foot – still not enough.
- TM wonders about weight over leach field.

- DK says that pipes and tanks come out of factory designed not to be crushed
- TM asks if there is enough venting to oxygenate leach field.
- DK says there is a pump system – needs vent to be installed; up to owner to design location. There are observation ports installed.
- PD notes that there are two observation ports detailed.
- DK notes there are four manholes for observation ports.
- TM asks if all lines are vented or just a single line.
- DK – each trench vented.
- MB would like to see all discussion points documented on Site Plan.
- Plan should be signed by installer, owner, and excavator.
- Health Agent signs permit.

3. Schools – Will be on the Agenda next Meeting (Next Week.)

- PK here to listen.
- TM plans on visiting schools as they reopen to full days as everyone returns.
- PK wonders how wrestling will be managed.

4. Foothills Health District

- Connie (PHN) has given notice
 - a. Fulfilled her 10 months
 - b. She was surprised at how much work it entailed.
 - c. Would like to spend time with her grandchild!
 - d. It will be hard to replace her; she was an amazing asset.
- RA notes that a PHN would be great to have as a permanent position, even post-COVID.
- TM waiting for Excellence Grant news.

5. COVID

- SM asked about positivity rate in town
- TM noted that Westhampton has had 74 cases in total.
- Currently, there are 4 cases in 3 households, with one death. This is the second death in our town.
- TM – the positivity rate of 4% seems about right.
- SM asks if there are any public places in town associated with spread or contact.
- TM says no. Half are in existing households and 99% are work related. Cases are trending younger.
- RA reported on the Vaccine Ambassador
- GC noted problems on vaccine roll out.

- RA said that the Vaccine Ambassador (Kirby Lecy) did listen to those problems in our area; that TM spoke quite eloquently about that and she would report back to the DPH.

6. Town Hall (Purifiers)

- TM asks if we should recommend HEPA purifiers for the offices at the Town Hall
- \$2,500 each
- DB says if the town has the money he would not be opposed to it.
- TM and RA agree.
- DB asks should we provide them for everyone or just those who ask for them?
- RA feels we should provide them for everyone in TH and Annex.
- TM asks if we should provide the Library with them, as well.
- DB says no, where would we then stop. (ex. Schools, Police Dept., Safety Complex, etc.)
- TM will touch base with Katherine.

7. Library

- MS would like the Concert Planning Committee to take ownership
- Hopefully, they will meet with us next week.

8. Health Agent

- MB observed 77 Mine Rd.
 - a. There was silt run off
 - b. No erosion control (silt fencing.)
 - c. He will refer this to the Building Dept. and Conservation Commission
- The documentation of complaints of Mr. Kuehner is still in process.

9. New Business

- GC asks if a Title V has been done for 1 Main Road
- GC says there are two applications: one at the Lake and one at 1 Main Road.
 - a. MB did a Title V 9/23/20
 - b. TM will check on the records and see if the Board has a notice from the ZBA or the Planning Board.

Adjourn 2:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robby Armenti

