

Westhampton Board of Health Minutes June 3, 2021

Attending: Robby Armenti (RA), David Blakesley (DB), Mark Bushee, Health Agent (MB), Tom Martin, Chair (TM) Guests: Barbara Cook (BC), Kurt Heidinger (KH)

Call to Order: 1:03 PM

1. Minutes of May 20, 2021
 - Motion made to accept and seconded.
 - DB has question about 7 Blueberry Hill permitting
 - Minutes revised to reflect question
 - Minutes passed unanimously as revised.

2. COVID Response CARES Act
 - TM discusses Food Pantry
 - Chris Wayne says the Church would like their kitchen back now that they are opening up.
 - They would like to buy a refrigerator with CARES money
 - TM would like MB to follow up with Church to permit their kitchen.

3. FHD Grant
 - TM – the parameters have changed
 - MB – all we know at this time is that we know we are getting the money. We don't know when.
 - MB – they are thinking about giving us all they had originally planned on giving us.
 - Staffing is our highest priority
 - DB asks what the salary is for a PHN
 - TM – 30-35/hr.

4. Health Agent
 - 7 Blueberry Hill Rd.
 - a. Alan Weiss texted on the 19th of May that the system was starting, but no permits had been issued yet.
 - b. MB had approved the original plan, but not the plan they were using (without permit.)
 - c. MB told them to stop work.
 - d. MB found out that the septic tank was delivered and installed on May 20.

- e. MB had delivered fine notice of \$350 and notice to move tank and measure stone under tank.
- f. MB informed Northeast Enterprises that they and engineer have to be there for every step.
- g. Discussion of sub-grade level.
- h. MB was clear this needed to be permitted.
- i. MB was also clear it needed a new plan.
- j. MB eventually got the new plan and approved it.
- k. Alan Weiss and MB went to the site and saw the stone under the tank.
- l. MB – the fine has been paid.
- m. DB – as long as the stone is there, it should be fine for now.
- n. MB feels that Northeast Enterprises is “playing fast and loose” with septic installations and would like this known.
- KOA
 - a. Put in trailer/bathrooms
 - b. Did a walkthrough, everything looks fine.
 - c. Flow meters
 - In the process of being installed
 - Want an accurate reading
 - Need to keep an eye on the dripping
 - d. Michael keeping an eye on everything
 - e. MB inspected the pool
 - f. KOA open, running, fully operating.

5. BioCitizen

- KH reporting – Here to get permitted
- TM wonders if they are considered a “Camp.”
- KH says DPH designates them a “Travel Camp.”
- MB notes a possible “Educational Program.”
- Discussion of MB’s role of regulation of BioCitizen
- Discussion of BioCitizen
- Discussion of Safety Measures as they pertain to BioCitizen
- Would like to permit BioCitizen from June 7 – Aug. 27, 2021
- MB will be in touch with KH to permit BioCitizen.

6. Pine Island Lake Association

- BC notes that the Assoc. has met for several years at the Town Hall
- Would like to meet on July 14th at 6 PM at the Town Hall this year if possible.
- There would be about 50 people present.
- DB says that with the State of Emergency lifted, there should be no reason why they cannot do so.

- Discussion about recommendations by Board of Health for Town Buildings and Offices. See next Section.

7. Select Board

- Board of Health Recommendations for Town Buildings and Offices
- Alone in a public office or building, you may be unmasked
- If in open Town offices or buildings and there is more than one person, the Board of Health recommends masking.
- TM – outside depends on each person’s own comfort level.
- This should begin when the Town lifts the Town’s State of Emergency in conjunction with the Board of Health. This should occur after June 15th, 2021.

8. HRMC

- DB reported that Kathleen applied for shed to store universal waste.
- DEP had the money to do this.
- They had been getting a lot of Styrofoam; a shed is needed.

9. Agricultural Commission, Chapter 111, section 31

- TM updated Board as to pertains above.

Adjourned: 2:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robby Armenti