

BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes for Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7:00 PM
Remote Participation

7:00 Minutes
7:00-7:10 Minutes 3/9/21, 3/23/21
Request for Deed Restriction. 137 Bingham Road (withdrawn)
7:10-7:20 67 Hanover Road. Request to reduce Perc-Rite sampling frequency.
7:20-7:30 Bonica Excavating Co. Installation Update (tentative)
7:30-7:40 Septic Upgrade Extensions
 ▪ 27 Old East Street
 ▪ 49 Concord Street
7:40-8:00 Garrison Place. Request for Certificate of Compliance
8:00-8:30 Benfield Farms. Septic System Upgrade

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COVID-19 Updates
FY22 Budget
Old Home Day Planning

Attendance members: Tony Mariano Chairman, Jean J Barry, Catherine Galligan, Donna Margolies, Todd Thorsen

Attendance nonmembers: Fantasia Health Agent, Mark Beaudry (Meridian), Elizabeth Daghish, Dave Erickson, Joey LaPointe, Robert Lilley, Steve Martini, Gerry Boucher, Phil Herman

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 pm.

1. Minutes—the 3/9/21 were reviewed and several minor edits were suggested. Barry moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Margolies seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The 3/23/21 minutes were tabled to allow more time for review.

2. 137 Bingham Road withdrew their request for a deed restriction.

3. 67 Hanover Road. Request to reduce Perc-Rite sampling frequency.

The Perc-Rite system had failed so the sampling frequency had been increased. Since 2016 the system has been operated by Eco-Dynamics and they have been complying, so they now want to return to the regular yearly testing schedule. Galligan moved to allow 67 Hanover Rd. to go from quarterly sampling to yearly. Barry seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

4. Miscellaneous

Fantasia has issued licenses to Kimbals and Great Brook Farms to open their ice cream stands. She is still working on annual report. There will not be a caucus this year--instead of a caucus anyone running for board seats must pick up papers and with only 10 signatures required to run there could be a lot of candidates. Continuing members will also need to take out nomination papers, Fantasia does not yet have the relevant dates.

5. Covid

Standards for close contact on the bus or in the classroom has been reduced to 3' (from 6'), schools can opt to stay with 6'. The State is looking at new distance requirements in the event of new cases. All teachers who wish to be vaccinated have been vaccinated.

Vaccination statistics are available on the dashboard--they are updated every Thursday. Carlisle cases are on the increase with 202 cases as of last week. New cases seem to be the result of family transmission and they are

climbing because of the new variants. Barry says B117 seems to be the predominant variant. It is much easier to catch as it is about twice as contagious as the strains circulating a year ago. Given this, the need to wear masks was stressed, there was puzzlement expressed that the state is not more forceful in promoting the use of masks.

Fantasia would love to get vaccine, use our structure, and prepare for boosters in the fall. Thorsen said Moderna is planning a combination flu and Covid vaccine and may file for emergency approval next week. Barry is concerned that these companies are motivated by money, she thinks people may be protected for at least a year. Antibody levels do not tell the entire story, we need to see if people actually contract disease.

6. Bonica installation update

Bonica is not present. Mariano said there have been some missed deadlines and work being done outside specified dates. Fantasia has been in touch with Bonica, and we were hoping he would be here tonight. Fantasia has been in touch with him, and he said that it was a combination of personal and weather issues--he had to plow the bed four times and agrees that winter installations are very difficult. He wanted to remind board that he has been licensed in Carlisle for many years and has never had any problems and has a good relationship with Frado. Mariano was inclined to back off issuing a warning letter. Barry agreed with Mariano although she was disappointed that he was not present and asked whether Fantasia's conversation provided evidence of mitigating circumstances. Galligan did not think we should put Fantasia in the position of advocating for Bonica—the BOH made it very clear they did not want to allow a late start and then when it went off plan, Fantasia was repeatedly chasing him. Galligan felt he should have been communicating with us and felt the BOH should at least issue a warning. After more discussion **Galligan moved to send a letter of warning to John Bonica, Margolies seconded the motions, and it was approved unanimously.** Fantasia will handle sending him the letter.

7. 27 Old East Street Septic Extension

High water has delayed the perc tests so the schedule needs to be updated, they may have to wait until June instead of March 31. They are proceeding and Fantasia received word from the owner that their apartment tenant will be moving out. The system is not in failure, but they cannot use the accessory apartment until the BOH approves an upgraded system. Galligan, suggest we defer this--a dry spring may allow testing sooner and while Galligan agrees with an extension she would rather wait to see how conditions develop. Mariano agreed and it was decided to defer discussion of an extension.

8. 45 Concord Street Septic Extension

The BOH has granted several waivers but now there is an unfortunate change of plans because of a death in the family. They are not going to build the garage so the question of opening discussions to remove some of the waivers came up. Fantasia did invite the owners to this meeting, but she was not sure they understood what is at stake. After some continuing discussion Mariano thought the BOH should table this. Galligan thought it might be better to have a conversation offline and Fantasia will set something up.

9. Garrison Place request for certificate of Compliance

Fantasia said the septic is functioning and that an occupancy permit was issued 2 weeks ago. The BOH wants compliance for Perc-rite and Fast system. The septic escrow has been funded and they put together a spread sheet for sampling, but the units have only recently been occupied. Joey LaPointe is the project manager and said that the system has been in operation for a couple of years--he believes that they have met all the obligations for a certificate of compliance. Galligan noted that there have been samples where total nitrogen is out as well as BOD. There was discussion of sampling. It was eventually decided that the BOH needs to see the data and after Mariano goes over the data with LaPointe and Fantasia the BOH will revisit this issue.

10. Sampling Wells

Mariano brought up that the BOH is seeing problems with septic monitoring wells not being useful. During part of the year, they cannot be sampled because they are dry. The BOH should discuss sampling wells, possibly including engineers. He asked Fantasia to put it on a future agenda.

11. Benfield Farms septic upgrade

Beaudry said that Benfield Farms representative was not able to attend, he will provide an update tomorrow. The Geomat system had looked like a good system but further engineering works this afternoon showed that Geomat would double the footprint of the system, so it has proved to be untenable. Consequently, they are going back to Plan 1 for the Perc-rite system which makes the infrastructure simpler, and they can keep the current pumping station and force line, merely relocating the system over to the new area. Beaudry forwarded Fantasia a letter from Biomicrobic (producers of the MicroFast system). They are proposing the MicroFast 0.9 system which should take care of residual carbon from the MicroC system. They will also put in a dedicated pipe for the MicroC instead of tanks for better all-weather delivery and to require less manual intervention. It turned out that under previous management that the MicroC pump had failed so there was a period of no MicroC. The new management company, Waste Management discovered it immediately. The new system will be basically the same system but easier to monitor. Mariano is concerned that there should be less need for manual involvement. If companies are monitoring the process, there is always the possibility of not fully transferring protocols to new operators. Beaudry notes that conservation approval is important--over the last weeks they have confirmed wet land lines and will be moving forward with conscomm to get approval for access to construct system.

Beaudry presented preliminary designs at the last board meeting. ConsCom is happy with what they have seen since the last BOH meeting. Beaudry will be working with ConsCom concurrently with furthering the design. Beaudry would like to avoid waiting until August. They can use swamp mats to allow access when the cart path is wet--the path was not dry until August last year. Galligan said that the system failed 2 years ago on May 6 and there is a 2-year replacement period. Fantasia said the board can extend the period if they have an enforceable agreement. Beaudry should keep in mind that the system has been shut down and is going to a tight tank. Galligan asked whether this should go back to a conventional system and wants to avoid rushing at this stage. Mariano asked Galligan to elaborate on "conventional system" and noted there are major issues with conscomm. Galligan said a sand filter and a conventional field would be a conventional system. BOH concern is protecting public health and the environment. There was considerable discussion of conventional vs. Plan 1 design and difficulties that might result with ConsCom. It was finally agreed that Beaudry would look at conventional designs and that there would be a special meeting next week to go over the enforceable agreement.

12. FY22 budget

Galligan and Fantasia sat in on the Fincomm meeting--they were not going to revisit BOH request at the meeting so it looks like they will approve 10hours/week for public health nursing but not are unwilling to provide for more time by the administrative assistant. There was also some discussion of the new review process and questions about when decision will be made about things like employee health insurance co pay.

13. Other

Old home day is being planned but largely depends upon state regulation—maybe could occur in the fall. Fantasia will schedule a toxic waste day in the fall. Thorsen and Margolies are not running for another term.

Galligan moved to adjourn, seconded and the motion was approved.
Meeting adjourned at 20:52.

Respectfully submitted,

David Erickson, Recorder

(All documents discussed are available for review in the office of the Board of Health)