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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Location: Town Hall (450 Washington Street) Room #304

The following Board of Health Members were present:

Leanne Jasset, Chair
Noreen Guilfoyle, Member
Bernadette Chirokas, Member

The following staff were present:

Kylee Sullivan, Health Director
Mavis Stephany Lopez Silva, Office Manager

Meeting is called to order at 5:30PM on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

Discussion & Vote: 08/09/2022 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Noreen Guilfoyle made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Member Bernadette Chirokas seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes as presented.

Public Hearing: Title 5 Septic System Variance Request-220 Stoney Lea Road

Vice Chair Noreen Guilfoyle made a motion to open the public hearing portion of this variance request, Member Bernadette Chirokas seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to open the public hearing. Director Sullivan reported that 220 Stoney Lea Road is requesting a variance from the Board of Health for an updated septic system. The variance being sought is for the use of a sieve analysis instead of a percolation test for the soil at 220 Stoney Lea Rd as a percolation test was unable to be performed due to saturated soil. According to 105 CMR 15.405(i), a sieve analysis may be performed if a percolation test in accordance with 310 CMR 15.104 and 15.105 cannot be performed as determined by the Approving Authority. As required by the Board's General Regulations, abutters were notified of the hearing through a notice crafted by the Health Department and the public was made aware through a notice published in the Dedham Times on Friday, September 2, 2022. The Department has reviewed the plans and recommended approval contingent upon compliance with Title 5. Property owner Chris Pope and Installer Bob Vey were present at the meeting. Bob Vey with Norfolk Engineering provided details on the plans presented and provided further clarification on the variance requested. Vice Chair Guilfoyle made a motion to close the public hearing portion of the meeting, Member Chirokas seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing. There was no discussion on the hearing. Member Bernadette Chirokas made

a motion to approve the variance request conditional upon compliance with Title 5, Vice Chair Noreen Guilfoyle seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve the variance request.

Public Hearing: Domestic Animals Variance Request-49 Jersey Street

Vice Chair Noreen Guilfoyle made a motion to open the public hearing portion of this variance request, Member Bernadette Chirokas seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to open the public hearing. Director Sullivan reported that Philip Basdekis, owner of 49 Jersey Street, submitted a complete domestic animals permit application to keep hens on his property. The applicant notified abutters of their intent to keep hens and the Health Department did not receive concern about this application from abutters. Along with his application, Mr. Basdekis submitted a variance request to locate his chicken coop closer than 100 feet from wetlands. Health Director Sullivan recommended approval of variance conditional upon compliance with the Domestic Animals Regulations and the recommendations set forth by the Conservation Agent. Philip Basdekis and Jessica Basdekis were present at this hearing and requested approved to locate their chicken facilities 40 feet from wetlands due to the topography of the property. The Town’s Conservation Agent recommended locating them 50 feet from the wetlands, but there may be compromise depending on additional vegetation installation. Member Bernadette Chirokas made a motion to close the public hearing, Vice Chair Noreen Guilfoyle seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Vice Chair Guilfoyle made a motion to approve the variance request with the 40-foot hen facility location contingent on meeting Conservation requirements. Member Chirokas seconds the motion. The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve the variance request.

Update from Health Director

66 Norwell Road

The condemnation of 66 Norwell Road was lifted on Friday, September 2, 2022 after an inspection on Thursday, September 1, 2022 revealed that conditions have improved significantly, and the situations leading to the dwelling’s condemnation have been corrected.

CPR Trainings and Mental Health 1st Aid Trainings

Public Health Nurse, Jessica Tracy, participated in mental health 1st aid training and CPR training with funding through NC-8. Jessica is now able to train others in CPR and Mental Health 1st Aid and is working to offer trainings to the public.

Vaccination Clinics

The Department has scheduled a senior clinic on Tuesday, October 4th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The clinic will offer both the flu vaccine and the new bivalent COVID-19 Pfizer Booster. There will be a public clinic on Tuesday, October 11th from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. The Department is working to schedule flu and COVID-19 vaccinations for homebound residents, first responders, and town employees.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Baseline Capacity Assessment

A flyer was included with the Board's packet regarding MDPH's public health baseline capacity assessment. This is an effort to assess and understand what is needed at the local public health level. Chairwoman Leanne Jasset discussed concerns with regionalizing local public health. Director Sullivan reported that the intent of this assessment is to determine what level of services local health departments are providing to communities as an avenue to determine trainings and support that can be offered to ensure mandated services are provided.

Discussion & (Possible Vote): Any COVID-19 Matters Requiring Action

Since the start of the pandemic there have been 6,028 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Town, not including at-home rapid antigen tests. There have been 738 probable cases of COVID-19, and 99 COVID-19 related deaths in Dedham.

Vice Chair Noreen Guilfoyle asked if the Department still has at-home antigen tests available to residents. Director Sullivan reported that there is still a small supply of tests available to residents and the Department is requesting more tests from the State to provide to residents at upcoming clinics.

Public Comment

No public were present for comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Bernadette Chirokas at 6:04 PM. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Noreen Guilfoyle. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 PM.

This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the Board of Health's Meeting held on September 13, 2022, which minutes were approved on October 18, 2022.

Leanne Jasset – Chairman