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Board of Health

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Minutes of a public meeting held on **April 11, 2022**, by the **Sandwich Board of Health** in the Human Services Building Meeting Room, 270 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, Sandwich, MA.

Members Present: Rebecca Lovell Scott, Sandra Tompkins, David Liskowsky

Health Agent Present: David Mason

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Woodbury

Others Present: Tim Santos, Merrill Engineering & Land Surveyors

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1. The meeting was brought to order by Rebecca Lovell Scott at 7:01 p.m.

Chairperson, Rebecca Lovell Scott wanted to acknowledge and thank Sandra Tompkins for her 30 years of service on the Board of Health as she will not be running for re-election in May.

2. Title V 310 CMR 15,000 Septic Tank variance for the Brown Jug at 155 Main Street & 1 Jarves Street. Title V Public Hearing. Vote anticipated for approval/denial

David Mason explained to the Board the current septic system design for the property located at 155 Main Street/ 1 Jarves Street. Tim Santos, Professional Engineer from Merrill Engineering and Land Surveyors, explained the existing conditions and proposed locations and upgrades to the septic system. Mr. Santos is requesting approval from the Board for variances for the septic system upgrade as indicated on the plans. David Liskowsky made a motion to approve the variances for the septic upgrade as proposed and seconded by Sandra Tompkins. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

3. Acknowledgement of response from Attorney General's Office regarding Open Meeting Law complaint from Eileen Starrs, dated December 30, 2021.

Acknowledge receipt of response (3/22/22) and read into record. No action necessary

Chairperson, Rebecca Lovell Scott acknowledged and read, in its entirety, the response from the Attorney General's Office regarding the Open Meeting Law Complaint, received from Eileen Starrs, dated December 30, 2021. The letter from the Attorney General's Office declined to acknowledge the Open Meeting Law Complaint because it was not filed within 30 days of the alleged violation as required. (see attached).

4. Private Well Regulation Discussion (No Action Required)

David Mason spoke to the Board asking to propose a change to the current Private Well Regulation regarding well testing for real estate transaction to include Registered Sanitarians & Professional & Professional Civil Engineer. Due to the current shortage of certified Well Drillers and an increase demand for real estate transactions, testing is not being able to done within an adequate time period. David explained to the Board the process to change the current regulation for the May 9th Board of Health Meeting.



5. 1 Bay Beach Lane; Emergency Septic Repair Update (No Action Required)

David Mason gave a brief update regarding the repair of the septic system at 1 Bay Beach Lane. To date, a perc test was completed and Bracken Engineering is in the process of designing the plans for the new system to be installed at the front of the property.

6. General complaints regarding chickens, roosters, and rats discussion of potential regulations.

The Board received and discussed an email complaint regarding chickens, roosters, and the increase of the rat population. David Mason explained these complaints have been ongoing and would like the Board to consider a new regulation requiring the property to have at least five acres of land for the keeping of chickens and roosters. Five acre lots are considered an agricultural farm lot for tax purposes. David Mason said he would draft a regulation to include setbacks and guidelines to limit the impact on abutters to discuss at the next meeting.

7. Covid 19 Update- after action meeting with County Health and Mass Department of Public Health

David Mason updated the Board of the current Covid-19 cases having a sudden surge, with the State level at approximately 1300 cases a day over the past three days with a low at 195 case from 2 ½ weeks ago. The Mass Department of Public Health expects to see a spike at the end of April. Mr. Mason has received and distributed additional test kits to the Town Nurse and Fire Department. The Town Nurse is currently scheduling a Covid-19 Booster Clinic.

8. Reserved for topics not anticipated by the Chair

David Mason received notification from TEC Associates regarding the Massachusetts Coastal Railroad (MCRR) 2022 Vegetation Control Program. David informed the Board that he would forward the information regarding the program for the Board to discuss at the May 9, 2022 Meeting.

9. Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2022

Sandra Tompkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Health Meeting from February 14, 2022 as written, seconded by David Liskowsky. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

10. Adjourn Meeting

Rebecca Lovell Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. seconded by David Liskowsky and passed with a vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Woodbury
Board of Health Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 5.9.22