



Town of Mattapoissett

Board of Health

16 Main Street
Mattapoissett, MA 02739

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 28, 2020

TIME: 10:00am

LOCATION: Council on Aging Meeting Room
17 Barstow St Mattapoissett

PRESENT: Carmelo Nicolosi, Ken Dawicki, Russell Bailey, Amanda Stone, Emily Field, Kayla Davis, Marianne DeCosta, Dan White

PUBLIC: Aiden Powick, Mick Colkgeo, Rick Charon

NOTES

The Chairman stated that from now on the Board will hold a hybrid type meeting with in-person and zoom.

- 1) *9 Cedar Street- Richard Charon from Charon Associates representing John J. Grant Gr. & Elizabeth Hunter, Trs. Of the Grant Family Trust.* Proposed repair of the sewage disposal system including a new combination of septic tank & dosing tank and new leaching facility to replace cesspool. The variances requested are:
 - a. Section 15.212 to allow a groundwater separation less than 4 feet. (proposed 3 feet)
 - b. Section 15.255 to allow the overdig to be less than 5 feet around the leaching field. (proposed 2 feet)
 - c. Section 15.211 to allow the new septic tank less than 10 feet from property lines. (proposed 3 and 4 feet)
 - d. Section 15,211 to allow the new leaching field to be less than 10 feet from property/ street lines. (proposed 3 feet)

Chairman Nicolosi recused himself from the hearing, and the Chairmanship was taken by Mr. Dawicki.

Rick Charon, from Charon Engineering and Associates was there to present the project. There was discussion about the size of the lot, the configuration on the lot and the driveway. Mr. Dawicki asked if there is a proposed fence. Mr. Charon replied that there is no requirement for it, but the owner may be amenable to it. Mr. Bailey agreed that there should be a fence or retainer so it doesn't get driven on. There was discussion on if this was a year round house. The system is designed for year round.

Chairman asked if there were any more questions from the Board – no
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Mr. Bailey made a motion to accept the proposed plan
Seconded by Mr. Dawicki Vote 2-0-0

Chairman Nicolosi came back to the meeting and Mr. Dawicki relinquished the Chair

2) Discussion with Mattapoissett Public Health Nurse's regarding COVID-19.

Ms. Stone and Ms. Field gave a report to the Board. They said that there have been many new cases in Mattapoissett which have led to more tracing and communications. This is going along with the normal duties of the office, and the involvement of the schools. This is requiring a division of labor and Ms. Field working up to 60 hours per week. The Chairman stated that she should keep track of her overtime hours. Ms. Field stated that the most important thing is that people follow the guidelines as best practices of washing hands, socially distancing and wearing masks. Ms. Field described how much work and communication goes into the contract tracing, and that not a lot of communities can keep up with all of the duties they have, but Mattapoissett has been able to do that. Many towns only have a part time Public Health Nurse so they are overwhelmed. Mr. Dawicki stated that speaking for the Board, he is very impressed with the work being done by Ms. Stone and Ms. Field and he gives a heartfelt Thank you. Ms. Field said that she thanks the Board for all of their support. Ms. Field explained that Mattapoissett being in the red doesn't mean that we will stay there, she hopes we will go back into the yellow. Statistics come out on Thursdays and it is based on a two week time frame based on population. We use 5,800 as the population of Mattapoissett. We don't want to be in the red because it affects businesses especially. Ms. Field stated that the highest transmission occurs within households so it is important for people to be tested if they develop symptoms as it could be masked by a cold or the flu. People, especially the compromised should get a flu shot. Ms. Stone added that the schools are working toward full in school learning. This is not everyone's view however. She attends the school committee meetings and the teachers, parents and other school staff have concerns.

3) Transfer Station Discussion.

The Agent Kayla Davis noted that the representative from Milton-Cat came to look at the transmission leak on the loader, and estimated \$50,000 to fix. The itemized estimate should be in next week. She will hold off on ordering the tires for the loader at this time. Mr. Bailey suggested that the Chairman speak with Barry Denham from the Highway Department to see if they will take on some of the expense as the Department uses the loader in the winter at storm times. Chairman Nicolosi stated that the item may have to go through Capital Planning. Ms. Davis mentioned that the price that the transfer station pays for brush has increased. She will look into rental of a grinder but then that opens up the question of what to do with the chips. For now the Board suggests that they charge more for brush. Chairman Nicolosi asked who is using the transfer station for storage at this time. Ms. Davis stated that the Harbormaster Boat is there now and that they are looking to put the second boat there this winter. Chairman Nicolosi stated that the damage to the Harbormaster Boat last year led to the changing out of the keys. Chairman Nicolosi asked the Agent to find out what the needs are from the Town Administrator.

4) Approve meeting minutes from September 30th, 2020

Chairman Nicolosi made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 30, 2020 meeting
Seconded by Mr. Bailey Vote 3-0-0

Mr. Bailey thanked the Agent, Kayla Davis for taking on such a heavy workload at this time. This was wholeheartedly agreed to by the rest of the Board.

Chairman Nicolosi stated that there have been some complaints and said that the Board has the ability to fine if needed. Ms. Davis said that when there is a complaint she goes out there with in 24 hours and so far people seem to be complying.

5) Set tentative date for next meeting and adjourn.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday December 2, 2020

Mr. Bailey made a motion to adjourn at 11:10am
Seconded by Mr. Dawicki Voted 3-0-0

Next Meeting:

Adjourn: