



THE TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
August 29, 2023

The regular meeting of the Granby Board of Health was held by conference call/Zoom and opened at 7:00 pm.

Those present were Dick Bombardier, Lee Lalonde, Bill Shaheen

In Attendance were Ali Sher, Steven Laplante, Sarah Russell

1. A motion was made, seconded and all members were in favor of accepting the meeting minutes from August 16, 2023.
2. The Board voted on and members Dick, Lee and Bill approved each of the following:
Timesheet for Colleen, 8/26/23
Money Turnover, 8/29/23
2023 Hauler's permit for Jon Szymonik, Deere Creek Farm restroom trailer
Temporary food license for Granby Cub Scout Pack 4034, 9/30
Temporary food license for Granby Preservation Society, 10/9
3. The Board took no action on the Title 5 Inspection Report for 39 North Street by Alan Weiss. This will be discussed at the next meeting, September 19.
4. Neil Jackson submitted a complete, new septic design for a 3-bedroom house at 46 North Street. The review was complete. The Board approved the design subject to trench permit, and fill requirements.
5. Neil Jackson submitted a complete, repair septic design for a septic tank replacement for a 4-bedroom house at 12 Pinebrook Circle. The review was complete. The Board discussed. The Board approved the design subject to a trench permit, and Conservation Commission review.
6. Ali Sher, owner of Union Mart was present to discuss the 2nd violation of selling tobacco to a minor on June 25, 2023. Mr. Sher requested a payment plan to pay the \$2,000 fee. He would like to pay the fee over the next four months. The Board Chair, Dick stated that Mr. Sher is not acting responsibly for the children of Granby by allowing sales of tobacco to minors. The Board stated Mr. Sher would also have a 7-day suspension of his tobacco license per state regulations. Mr. Sher would prefer the suspension to take place September 8 through September 15. The Board allowed those dates. The Board instructed the Assistant to find out if there would be constraints on collecting fines with Union Mart's state tobacco license. Subsequently, the Assistant informed the Board, Union Mart's state tobacco license is valid until September 30, 2024.
7. The Board discussed the request by the Planning Board to review the site plan for a special permit for a special event venue for Deere Creek Farm at 193 Amherst Street.

The Board recommends the permit not be approved until the Board can study a detailed proposal addressing food source, water source, water disposal, site preparation, type of tents, water runoff, surface of event area, details on toilets, waste disposal, and lighting. The Board instructed the Assistant to inform the Planning Board.

8. The Board discussed Health Inspectors. Lynn Diniz submitted her letter of resignation. Dick stated he called Ernie Mathieu and Lori McCool. Ernie is not interested in conducting housing inspections but may be available for food inspections. He has not heard from Lori. The Assistant contacted Merridith, Health Commissioner of Northampton. She stated that the PHE Grant cannot be used for existing services in a community, but she will try to think of someone that could help. The Assistant will contact Sharon Hart of South Hadley BOH.
9. The Board discussed components that require replacement, in spite of an acceptable Title 5 Inspection. After discussion, the Board stated that septic tanks under 1,500 gallons must be replaced with a 1,500-gallon tank or larger.
10. The Board discussed Ganby well water. The Assistant contacted Quabbin Analytical Lab to find out how many well water tests have been conducted and what the results were, in Granby recently. Quabbin Analytical said they have tested 15 wells, 8 tested positive for coliform bacteria. The Board discussed. The Board stated that nothing has been reported to indicate a widespread problem with the wells in Granby. Dick and Bill will reach out to some Drs. to obtain more information.
11. The Board discussed the rebuilding of a house on East Street and requirements for a septic system. The Board stated that the new system must meet the current Title 5 design requirements.
12. Lee informed the Board that Quabbin Well is going to decommission 2 wells on the property of 291 East State Street and that he informed the company that they must properly decommission the 2 wells.
13. The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 7p.m. via conference call/zoom.
14. The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.


Respectfully submitted,



Colleen Aberdale, Board of Health Assistant



Richard G. Bombardier, Chair Lee Lalonde



William Shaheen