

THE TOWN OF GRANBY **BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES** October 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Granby Board of Health was held by conference call and opened at 6:30 pm.

Those present were: Dick Bombardier, Lee Lalonde and Herb Abelson, MD

Those in attendance were: Bob Sheehan, John Kopinsky, Joe Chaloux, and Nancy Jenks

- 1. A motion was made, seconded and all were in favor to accept the meeting minutes, as amended for October 1, 2020.
- 2. Board signed the following:

Timesheet for the clerk

Money turnover sheet

Bills for plumbing permits and inspections

Purchasing request was signed for a new floor mat for the office and office supplies

Well permit was approved for Dollar General

Well permit for lot on South and East Street was submitted but will not be reviewed until septic design is approved

- 3. Bob Sheehan submitted an application for a disposal system construction permit to replace the septic tank and d-box at 368 Bachelor Street. The Board reviewed the plans. The Board approved the plans.
- 4. Bob Sheehan submitted an application for a disposal system construction permit to replace the septic tank and d-box at 378 East State Street. The Board reviewed the plans. The Board approved the plans.
- 5. Bob Sheehan submitted an application for a disposal system construction permit to replace the septic tank and d-box at 76 Amherst Street. The Board reviewed the plans. The Board approved the plans.
- 6. Bob Sheehan submitted an application for a disposal system construction permit to repair with a complete system replacement at 163 Batchelor Street. Bob Sheehan also submitted a Local Upgrade Approval for the reduction in separation between the SAS and high ground water from 5 feet to 4 feet and the use of only one deep hole and a new well with a variance request from the Granby code of 100 feet from the new well to septic tank to 88 feet. Neil Jackson was the Board representative. The Board reviewed the plans. The Board approved the variance request and the plans subject to the well installation being completed prior to the start of the system, and Conservation approval and plumbing.

- 7. Bob Sheehan submitted an application for a new disposal system construction permit at lot 9 Chicopee Street. The plans are for a 3 bedroom home. The Board reviewed the plans. The Board approved the plans subject to fill.
- 8. John Kopinsky submitted an application for a disposal system construction permit to repair with a complete system replacement at 12 Greenmeadow Lane. He also submitted a Local Upgrade Approval for the reduction in separation between the SAS and high ground water from 5 feet to 4 feet. There were changes to be made on the plan which John Kopinsky did and submitted it electronically. Nath an Torretti was the soil evaluator. John Kopinsky was the Board representative. The Board reviewed the plans. The Board approved the variance request. The Board approved the plans subject to receiving the corrected hard copy of the plan changes, fill restrictions and electrical.
- 9. The Board reviewed the Title V report for 6 Lyn Drive submitted by Greg Everson of Granby Septic Service. The Board received the report as a pass.
- 10. The Board reviewed the Title V report for 6 Taylor Street submitted by Alan Weiss of Cold Spring Environmental Consultants. The Board received the report as a pass.
- 11. There was a discussion regarding the fee for disposal works construction permits for repairs. The Board discussed charging \$75 for each component for a 2 component replacement. The Board decided to keep the fee at \$75.00 if it does not require a perc test or a second inspection.
- 12. Herb stated that Dick is spending a lot of time reviewing the septic plans. There was a discussion about dividing up the reviewing or possibly hiring an outside, independent engineer to review the plans. Other towns have hired Health Agents to do this reviewing. Dick will contact Bill Shaheen to discuss, and Dick will investigate other avenues.
- 13. The Board instructed Jeanne to talk to Chris Martin about a web can for the office computer for virtual meetings.
- 14. There was a discussion about Colleen's hours. She will be working more hours than Jeanne. Due to safety concerns, it was agreed that her hours would begin at 8:00 a.m. and avoid time that she would be alone in the building.
- 15. There was a discussion about GBGC. Dick will contact Belchertown Town Administrator about funding and tech help. The Clerk was instructed to set up a tour at GBGC for the Board members.
- 16. The Attorney General sent a letter in response to the complaint about the board violating the open meeting law. Following their review, the AGO found the Board did not violate the Open Meeting Law. The AGO noted that the Board should have created and approved minutes of its July 13 meeting. Dick stated that he did the minutes and Herb made changes. They will be put on the next meeting agenda to be approved.

- 17. Herb went to the Earlee Mug to investigate a complaint stating there was no soap in the restroom, and flies were in the restaurant. Upon inspection Herb found there was soap in the restroom and there were no flies inside the restaurant.
- 18. Dick stated he was not at the last Granby Safety Committee meeting with the Energy Conservation group.
- 19. There were no new COVID-19 cases.
- 20. The Clerk informed the Board there was a call regarding an event that the company, I Do Flowers would like to have. They would like to hold a wreath making event outside with 50 people. They would like to serve catered food. The event is planned for November 1. The Board expressed concern that masks and distancing rules could be followed if food was served or if bad weather was encountered. The Board is requiring them to submit a detailed plan.
- 21. Joe Chaloux called into the meeting to suggest someone from the Board go out to GBGC on Saturday because they are hosting an event for the Minuteman Precision Rifle League.
- 22. A letter from James Baker, PC was received regarding the Title 5 inspection report for 16 Deerbrook Drive. The report states the septic system servicing the property is a 3+1 system. The home is being sold as a 4 bedroom and would the Board allow this. The Board reviewed the Title 5 and approved the 4 bedrooms. The Board instructed the clerk to notify Atty. Baker.
- 23. The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on October 27, 2020 via conference call.

24. The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Aberdale, Board of Health Assistant

Richard G. Bombardier, Chair-

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Herbert T. Abelson, MD