



THE TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
May 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Granby Board of Health was held by video conference call and opened at 6:45 pm

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

Those in attendance were: Chief Al Wishart, Lt. Kevin O'Grady, Andrew Parker, Bob Stover, Bert Green and Adam Pasquini.

1. The Board signed the following:
Money turnover sheet
2020 Hauler and installer permit renewal for Complete Septic
Well permit for 58 Center Street
Well permit for 555 East State Street
2. The Board approved the clerk's time sheet for 48 hours worked between April 27 and May 9, 2020. The Board agreed to allow the clerk to sign their names on the time sheet.
3. The Board discussed the COC for 117 South Street submitted by John Kopinsky of Innovative Engineering. Lee mentioned that the water table was 2 feet higher so the leach field had to be lifted 2 feet higher and a pump chamber had to be installed. Mr. Kopinsky did submit an as built plan. The Board told the clerk to hold the COC until it was confirmed that electrical and plumbing permits were taken out. Subsequently, the clerk spoke with the Building Inspector and an electrical permit was issued. The installer confirmed that a plumbing permit was not needed. The clerk signed the COC for the Board.
4. The Board discussed the face mask regulation for the Town. The Board agreed to follow the Governor's COVID-19 Order No.31 requiring face coverings in public places where social distancing is not possible, effective on May 6, 2020.
5. Dick informed the Board that he spoke with the owner of 161 Kendall Street regarding the trash issue with Waste Management. He explained that due to COVID-19 Waste Management was requiring all trash to be in tied bags or they would not take it. Once, Dick explained that to the owner he understood that he was not being targeted by WM. Chris Martin arranged for Waste Management to pick up the trash from the 3 missed weeks.
6. Dick told the Board that he contacted the owner of All Power regarding the complaint received stating that the employees were not wearing face coverings at the business. The owner stated that he would make sure that masks were worn.

7. The Board discussed Bob Sheehan's question regarding the testing of high water table soils for septic repairs that are usually sent to UMASS for analysis but they are closed due to COVID-19. Quabbin Health District said that engineers and Board of Health members have enough experience to determine soils class (and slowest perc in class) for repairs that need to be done until the COVID issue is resolved.
8. The Board discussed the need for community outreach and enforcement during the COVID-19 pandemic and the designation of the Granby Police Department as agents of the Board so that they will be able to engage in all public outreach, enforcement and mitigation activities that the BOH staff can perform. Lee made a motion to appoint, for the duration of the state of emergency pertaining to COVID-19, or until rescinded by the BOH, all sworn officers, supervisors, and commanders of the Granby Police Department as agents of the Granby Board of Health. Herb seconded the motion. All voted in favor. A letter will be sent to Chief Wishart. The Board authorized the clerk to sign Dick's name.
9. The Board discussed the issue of COVID-19 contact clearance and early return to work for healthcare workers. The Board agreed to follow the CDC and State guidelines.
10. The Board discussed Chris Martin's request for the Board's input on guidelines for safely opening recreation areas for residents. The Board suggested that play structures, basketball courts, baseball/softball diamonds, soccer and football fields and volleyball courts as well as pavilions remain closed. No groups of greater than ten people and no formal or informal team games or practices should be allowed. The wearing of fabric face masks covering the nose and mouth would be required both indoors and outdoors when a six foot social distance cannot be maintained. Dick will contact Chris Martin with the guidelines.
11. The Board reviewed the Title V inspection report submitted by Alan Weiss of Cold Spring Environmental Consultants for 317 Batchelor Street. The Board received the report as a conditional pass and requires minor repairs and re-inspection when the system is back in service for 90 days.
12. The Board requested that the clerk contact Bobbi Rougeau, the owner of Alphabet Soup Day Care located at 44 Taylor Street and invite her to attend the next BOH meeting to discuss the use of bottled water at that location.
13. The Board discussed a letter received from the owner of 174 West State Street regarding the four retaining ponds at Dollar general that abuts their property. Two of the ponds are of most concern to them because of their proximity and the uncontrolled physical access that anyone gain from their property as well being a breeding ground for vermin and mosquitos. They are requesting that the Board of Health determine whether these ponds are a public health nuisance and require an abatement to this situation. The Board of Health has previously sent two letters to Boehler Engineering stating that these ponds are a health issue. The Board of Health agreed to declare the

long standing water in all four basins a public health nuisance and will require that the problem be abated. Dick will draft a letter for Town Counsel and the Board to review.

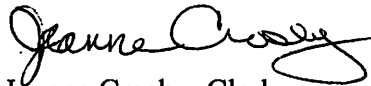
14. The Board discussed a request from Nancy Jenks, Granby Public Schools School Nurse Leader for the Board's guidance regarding summer school and summer camps. The Board is requiring that they follow the Governor's and State orders. Herb will write a letter of response to Nancy.
15. Andrew Parker from MacDuffie School was present to seek the Board's guidance on a graduation event. Andrew explained that they would like to do a Drive-In setting having cars with the graduating seniors parked in the field with windows rolled down and wearing face masks, The Head Master will call the students up one at a time to receive their diplomas. They will use speakers or an FM broadcast through the car radio. They will allow one to two cars per student and control entry to the field. The Board approved their plan for the graduation providing that they maintain social distancing.
16. The Board discussed the e-mail received from Chief Wishart explaining that the high school would like to have a reverse parade where students/families in cars drive through the school parking area and see the high school staff that will be standing outside. The staff will be significantly socially distanced and will not have any close contact. The plan would be for the attendees to stay in their cars and not stop. The parking area is big enough that the teachers could be well over 6 feet apart. The Board approved the reverse parade suggesting that each grade be assigned a time slot to attend. Chief Wishart will let the planning group know of the Board's decision.
17. The Board discussed the letter received from Chris Martin requesting that due to the COVID-19 pandemic all departments submit two new budgets for FY2021. The first will be a 2% reduction from FY2020 and the second a 5% reduction from 2020. The clerk will work on the budgets and submit to the Board for their review.
18. Bob Stover from Amherst Environmental Services, and Bert Green, owner of 52 Ferry Hill, were present to discuss their plan to build a new leach field for the garage in the general area of old leach pit. It will be designed for 200 gallons per day. Bob will have to schedule a perc test with Lee to test the water table. Bob Stover will be the soil evaluator for the owner and Bob Sheehan will be the soil evaluator for the BOH. As long as the water table during the perc test is the same as the one observed during the Title V inspection, they can request the Three foot water table separation variance.
19. Adam Pasquini of Gary's Construction service was present to request an installer's permit. The Board reviewed the application, conducted an interview and approved the 2020 installer's permit.
20. A motion was made, seconded and all were in favor to accept the meeting minutes, as amended for April 26, 200.

21. Dick informed the Board that a joint meeting with the Select Board to discuss the Pioneer Valley Mosquito District was scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2020. The clerk will post a BOH meeting for the time scheduled and inform the Board of the date and log in information once received from Cathy Leonard.

22. The next Board of Health meeting will be held on May 26, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,



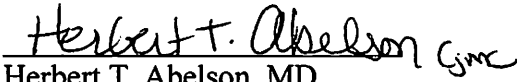
Jeanne Crosby, Clerk



Richard G. Bombardier, Chair



Lee Lalonde



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