

THE TOWN OF GRANBY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES May 26, 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 Sheehan, Barry, Laurie and Crystal Bernier, Alan Weiss, and Stephen Sulliavan

- The Board signed the following:
 Money turnover sheet
 Timesheet for the clerk
 Purchase approval for office supplies
- 2. The Board reviewed the Title V inspection report submitted by Neil Jackson of J & P Engineering for 216 West State Street. The Board received the report as a pass.
- 3. The Board reviewed the Title V inspection submitted by Nick Torretti and Brian Pranka for 43 East Street. Lee reported that there is some discrepancy in what the report states and what he witnessed. The Board instructed the clerk to contact Nick Torretti and have him attend the next Board meeting.
- 4. A motion was made, seconded and all were in favor to accept the meeting minutes, as amended for May 12, 2020.
- 5. The Board reviewed the revised FY2021 budget request from Christopher Martin asking for a 2% reduction and 5% reduction from FY2020. The Board would like to move money from Health Inspections and add it to the expense line item. The clerk will check on the actual amount spent on Health Inspections and do the revision for the Board to review.
- 6. Bob Sheehan was present and submitted an application for a disposal system construction permit to install a complete new septic system to replace the existing system that is in hydraulic failure located at 7 Jennifer Drive. Bob also submitted a local upgrade application for a 1 foot reduction in separation between SAS and and high groundwater from 5 feet to 4 feet and the use of only one deep hole in the disposal area. Neil Jackson was the Board representative. The Board reviewed the plans. The Board approved the local upgrade and the plans subject to fill.
- 7. Bob Sheehan also submitted an application for a disposal system construction permit to remove and replace the existing septic tank and D-box located at 44 Crescent Street. The Board reviewed and approved the plans. The Clerk will hold permit until payment is received.

- 8. Bob Sheehan also submitted a revised plan for Lot 5 Morgan Street. The new plans show the revised water table elevations. All the system elevations were increased six inches higher. The Board approved the revised plan.
- 9. Laurie, Barry and Crystal Bernier were present to discuss the opening of a twenty seat restaurant/cafe at 181 West State Street. The Board informed them that they need to submit a scaled drawing showing locations and measurements of all sinks, countertops, equipment, materials of construction and lighting. Herb is concerned about the use of the bathroom sink as a handwashing station for the employees. They also need to provide information on the ventilation system, HVAC system, their septic system and well. They will also need to contact MassDEP to inquire about becoming a public water supply. The Clerk will provide them with MassDEP contact information as well as links to the state food code, Title V code and restaurant code. The Board stated that it was the owner's responsibility to understand and comply with these codes.
- 10. The Board discussed letters and Open Meeting Law violation. If the Board agrees to send a letter during a meeting, the intent must be defined and responsibility assigned, then documented in the meeting minutes. If review or change is needed to the letter, it must wait until the next meeting for approval before it is mailed.
- 11. The Board discussed the Public Health Nuisance letter to be sent to Liscotti Development Corporation, in regards to the standing water in the four-basin like depressions formed during the construction of the Dollar General building. The Board is ordering the company to abate the Public Health Nuisance by no later than September 3, 2020. This gives them one month for an investigation to occur and one month to implement. The agreed to send the letter.
- 12. Alan Weiss was present and submitted an application for a disposal system construction permit to install a complete new septic system located at 75 Forge Pond Road. Alan also submitted an application for Local Upgrade Approval for a reduction in setback for a new well to be 68 feet + from the septic tank and 72 feet+ from the leach field. The wetland offset is 42+ feet. The owner intends to purchase adjoining property for the location of the leach field. The entire side of the property is bordered by Forge Pond. The Board reviewed the plans, determined that no better repair option existed, and gave a conceptual approval contingent on the purchase of the property for the leach field.
- 13. Stephen Sullivan, Granby Jr-Sr High School Principal was present to discuss having a drive-in style graduation at the High School on June 13, 2020. The parking lot at the new school would be used having 120 spaces available. Each student would be allowed 2 vehicles. Diplomas would be pre-arranged in plastic bags and set on tables. Students would be called up and parents would present the diploma to their child. Everyone will be wearing masks and keeping the 6 foot social distance. There will be access to a bathroom. Staff would be at the entrances to assure that only 1 person goes in at a time and maintenance staff would be cleaning after each use. The ceremony will be limited to one hour. Immediately following the ceremony, all cars must leave. The

Granby Police Department will there to control traffic and make sure there are no gatherings. The Board agreed to allow the graduation ceremony.

- 14. Andrew Parker from MacDuffie School was present to seek the Board's guidance on camps and summer schools. Nancy Jenks, Nurse Leader at Granby Jr-Sr. High School, and Sheryl Stanton, Superintendent of Schools are also seeking guidance. The Board does not know enough about the protocols to make any decisions at this point. They will look at recommendations from the State in the next few weeks. Andrew Parker will schedule an appointment for the next Board of Health meeting.
- 15. Herb informed the Board that he spoke with Christopher Craig with the Pioneer Valley Mosquito District and learned that the PVMCD has a list of services of which only surveillance is available at this time. Other options will be available in the future and each item must be purchased through the contract with the District. These items could include larvicides, adult mosquito pesticides, spraying, etc. The District does nothing that has not been contracted with each Town. Each Town only gets the services they want and pay for. If the Governor and the DPH declare a PH emergency, the State could contract with providers for anti-mosquito agents and for spraying. Dick will call Chris Martin to inquire what chemical the Town uses to control mosquitos for Charter Day.
- 16. The Board discussed an e-mail from a resident at 77 South Street with questions concerning Bifenthrin, the pesticide used by the pest control company the neighbor hired. She stated that her windows and sliding door were open and she could smell the spray. She was not given any notice by the neighbor or the company. She is looking for the Board's guidance in this matter. Dick looked into the pesticide and it is mildly toxic for cats and dogs. The Board instructed the clerk to contact the company for a list of chemicals in the pesticide. Subsequently, the company provided a material data sheet.
- 17. The next Board of Health meeting will be held on June 9, 2020.

18. The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeanne Crosby, Clerk

Richard G. Bombardier, Chair

Lee Lalonde (jmc)

Herbert T. Abelson (junc)