

THE TOWN OF GRANBY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES June 25, 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: Kevin Maynard, Chad Brubaker, Austin Turner, Bob Sheehan, Alan Weiss, Donna Denette, Nancy Jenks, and Lt. Kevin O'Grady

1. The Board signed the following:

Money turnover sheet

Timesheet for the clerk

Bills for Madelena Diniz, Dick Bombardier and Herb Abelson for inspections and mileage

Well permit for Lot 4 Amherst St

- 2. The Board discussed the revised FY2021 budget request from Christopher Martin asking for a 2% reduction and a 5% reduction from FY2020. The Board was unclear on the items to which reductions applied. Dick will contact Chris Martin to discuss the budget cuts.
- 3. Kevin Maynard of Bulkley, Richardson and Gelinas, LLP representing Lisciotti Development, Chad Brubaker of Lisciotti Development and Austin Turner of Boehler Engineering were present to appeal the Board of Health's determination of a public nuisance caused by the lingering presence of water in the two stormwater basins on the north side and the two, created depressions on the west and south sides of Dollar General. In the determination letter sent to Lisciotti Development dated May, 28, 2020. Tighe & Bond recommended that 3-6 inches of material be removed from the storm water detention basin on the northwest side of the site and two depressions on the west side, that material be replaced with 3 to 6 inches of granular loam, and that rip-rap be placed in the detention basin and that the sediment fore (northeast) basin be maintained regularly. They also recommended that increased vegetation throughout the site would reduce the amount of water. Mr. Maynard stated that all the work to accomplish the recommendation of Tighe and Bond were completed between June 15-17, 2020. Attorney Maynard stated that he believed that the nuisance had been abated. As of this date, the two stormwater basins and the four depressions are dry. The Board noted that the area is in a near-drought condition.

The Board requested that Mr. Maynard send in a letter stating the work that has been done to remediate the public nuisance. The Board will review the letter and respond to the request for appeal at their next scheduled meeting to be held on July 7, 2020.

- 4. Bob Sheehan was present to submit an application for a disposal system construction permit to replace the septic system located at 184 Taylor Street. Bob also submitted an application for a variance reduction in separation between the SAS and the high groundwater from 4 feet down to 3 feet and the use of a sieve analysis as a substitute for a perc test. Neil Jackson was the soil evaluator for the Board and Lee Lalonde was on site. The Board reviewed the plans. The Board approved the variance and the design subject to fill.
- 5. Alan Weiss was present and submitted an application for a disposal system construction permit for new construction located at Lot 2 South Street. The design is for a new 3 bedroom home with a daily flow of 440 gpd. The Board reviewed the plans. The Board approved the design subject to fill.
- 6. Alan also submitted an application for a disposal system construction permit for new construction located at Lot F. Taylor Street. The design is for a 3 bedroom home with a daily flow of 440 gpd. There is a non-permitted, irrigation well on Red Fire Farm property located 75 feet from the lowest leach line. The Board reviewed and approved the design subject to fill, additional deep holes in the spring of 2021 and the Board noted that Red Fire Farm should ensure that the well across the street not be used for potable water. The Board will sign the permit after the owner attends a meeting and signs the request for building permit approval with septic system design requiring water table elevation determination in March or April.
- 7. Alan also submitted a revised plan for Lot 4 Amherst Street to relocate the house and septic system out in grass the field to the south of the original design. The Board approved the plan subject to fill.
- 8. Donna Denette, Director of Children First was present to inform the Board that they will be welcoming children on July 1, 2020. Right now she is focusing on July and August and will see where things stand in mid-August. She has completed the reopening plans and stated that the Board of Health will be contacted in the event that a child or staff member is COVID-19 positive. The Early Education Collaborative has a state epidemiologist and a regional contact as well. Children First will be following all protocols. The Board commended Donna on her conscientious work and dedication.
- 9. Re-organization of the Board was discussed and a motion was made by Herbert T. Abelson, MD., and was seconded by Lee Lalonde to nominate Dick Bombardier for the position of Chairman of the Board. The Board voted to elect Dick Bombardier for Chairman of the Board; all were in favor.
- 10. The Board discussed a second e-mail from a resident at 77 South Street concerning the neighbor's pesticide company spraying insecticide on her property line without notice. The Board authorized Herb to write a letter to the company stating that they must give abutting neighbors notice of time and date when spraying insecticide.

- 11. Nancy Jenks, School Nurse Leader was present to discuss the summer school session being held from July 6 July 30, 2020 for nine students. They will be following all protocols. The school nurse and Nancy will be present or available and the school physician will be on call. She asked if the teachers could wear just a face shield so that the children will not be frightened by the face mask. Herb stated that face shields are not a substitute for face masks. Nancy is looking into purchasing clear face masks. The Board suggested that the COVID-emergency grant could be used. They agreed that Lee could authorize payment of up to \$2500.00.
- 12. Nancy Jenks also discussed the Granby To Go Program that offers students food, toiletries, clothing and school supplies. They would like to offer a drop off/pick up one day event to take place at the Granby Legion. All workers and attendees will be wearing masks and social distancing. The event will take place in August. The Board asked that they contact the Board with a timeline and details for the event
- 13. The Board discussed the topic of tag sales in the Town. The Town is not issuing tag sale permits at this time due to COVID-19 but some people are holding them without the proper permits. The Board felt that tag sales could not be conducted within the current guidelines. The clerk will contact Chief Wishart regarding illegal tag sales.
- 14. The Board discussed the letter received from Chloe Cantor, Director of Senior Services stating that the Senior Center's on-site congregate dining will resume and will be limited to outdoor seating. Also, included in the letter is their plan for social distancing and sanitizing. After some discussion the Board does not support the Senior Lunch program re-opening due to danger to high risk citizens. The Board instructed the clerk to contact Chloe to inform her of their decision. Rather, the Board suggested delivery of meals to Granby seniors.
- 15. The Board discussed the disinfecting plan submitted by Bobbie Rougeau for the use of a bottled water dispenser at the Alphabet Soup Preschool Plus location. The Board did not feel that the process was an adequate way to disinfect the water dispenser.
- 16. The Board discussed several e-mails and calls concerning youth sports starting up in Granby. Phase II of the re-opening plans youth sports can have practices only. Guidelines for Phase III games and scrimmages have not been released
- 17. The Board postponed discussion on the letter received from the Granby Concerned Citizens Group regarding the Granby Bow and Gun Club until their next meeting.
- 18. The Board discussed several complaints received regarding businesses in town not wearing face masks. Lt. Kevin O'Grady was present and stated that the police could look in on the businesses and issue a verbal warning about the State facial mask order. The clerk will be sending a list of businesses that the Board has received complaints against to Lt. O'Grady and Chief Wishart.

- 19. The Board agreed to send a letter to Chris Martin requesting that Jeanne Crosby be able to carry over any unused vacation time to be used in July and August. Dick will sign the letter.
- 20. The Board reviewed the Title V reports for 413R East State Street, 25 Forge Pond Road, 276 Amherst Street and 43 East Street. The Board received the reports as passing.
- 21. The Board approved the clerk's request to personal time for June 29, 2020.
- 22. The next Board of Health meeting will be held on July 7, 2020.
- 23. The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Crosby, Clerk

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