



THE TOWN OF GRANBY  
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

April 14, 2020

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

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

Those in attendance were: Chief Wishart and Chief Mitchell, Bob Sheehan, Alan Weiss, Lt. Kevin O'Grady and Keith Bradway

1. The Board discussed the perc test extension request received from Keith Terry of Sherman & Frydryk for lots 5-8 Cold Hill Road. Dick stated that the only lot that can be extended is lot 8. The extension makes it valid until April 16, 2022. Lot 5 needs another perc test, lot 6 is scheduled and lot 7 only had one hole.
2. Board signed the following:  
Timesheet for the clerk  
Money turnover sheet  
Bills for office supplies and MHOA annual dues  
2020 inspector permit for Don Hess of Do All Construction
3. The Board reviewed the well permit received for 7 Cold Hill Road. Lee went out to site the well. It is to be located 80' feet from the septic system which is the maximum that the site will allow. The Board is requiring that a water test be done after it has been in use for 3 to 6 months. The clerk will notify the owner and Cushing & Sons Well Drillers.
4. Dick informed the Board that he received a phone call from Steve Griffin, Head of MacDuffie School informing him that a housekeeper lives with someone who may have COVID-19. The staff member was sent home and is self-isolating. All students have been returned to isolation and they are following protocol. This does not require action by the Board. Dick will call Steve Griffin to suggest that they continue a conservative path due to test false negatives.
5. The Board reviewed the Title V inspection report submitted by Neil Jackson of J&P Engineering for 40 Kendall Street. The Board received the report as passing.
6. The Board reviewed the Title V inspection report submitted by Neil Jackson of J&P Engineering for 84 Batchelor Street. The Board instructed the clerk to contact Neil to find out if the house was inhabited. If it has been vacant they will require a SAS inspection 3 to 6 months after occupancy.
7. As a result of subsequent interpretations and policies by various State agencies regarding the operation of outdoor shooting clubs and ranges with respect to the Governor's orders, the Granby Board of Health at their April 10, 2020 meeting, agreed

to modify the cease and desist order previously issued. The Board is allowing use by police academies and members in groups of ten or less and adhering to social distancing. The Board discussed the letter reviewed by Town Counsel, Brian O'Toole and agreed to mail it to the gun clubs and send a copy to Chief Wishart and Chris Martin.

8. The Board discussed the issue of town COVID-19 information sharing. Massachusetts Department of Public Health is now posting a list of confirmed cases by city or town on their website. The Board agreed to give the number of positive cases and deaths to Cathy Leonard to be posted on the Board of Health webpage of the town website. This will be updated daily.
9. The Board discussed the safety issue of building, plumbing, gas and housing inspections during the COVID-19 pandemic. Chief John Mitchell told the Board that he recommended to the Building Inspector that any unnecessary inspections should not be done. The Board agreed that inspectors should follow the accepted, modified protocol.
10. Bob Sheehan was present to discuss the application for disposal system construction permit he submitted for 198 Batchelor Street to replace the existing septic system. The Board reviewed and approved the plans for 198 Batchelor Street.
11. Alan Weiss was present to discuss the application for disposal system construction permit he submitted for a new house on Lot 5, Morgan Street. The elevation of the SAS has been adjusted to the revised location and an additional perc test was done at location number 3. The Board approved the design for Lot 5 Morgan Street subject to fill.
12. Alan also submitted an application for disposal system construction permit for a new house on Lot 4 Amherst Street. The plans are for a three bedroom home with a design flow of 440 gpd. The Board approved the design for Lot 4 Amherst Street subject to fill,
13. Keith Bradwayowner of KWB Construction was present to discuss his application for an installer's permit. The Board reviewed the application, conducted an interview and approved the 2020 installer's permit.
14. A motion was made, seconded and all were in favor to accept the meeting minutes, as amended for March 19, 2020, March 23, 2020, March 31, 2020, and April 3, 2020
15. The Board discussed how the Town can become a member of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito District as soon as possible since the annual town meeting has been postponed. Dick will contact Chris Martin to see if there is a way to make a commitment to the PVMD. Herb will contact Christopher Craig of the PVMD to see if any of the restrictions have been loosened due to COVID-19.

16. The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Crosby, Clerk

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Richard G. Bombardier, Chair

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Lee Lalonde

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Herbert T. Abelson, MD