

THE TOWN OF GRANBY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES July 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Granby Board of Health was held by conference call/Zoom and opened at 7:00 pm.

Those present were Dick Bombardier, Lee Lalonde, Bill Shaheen In Attendance were Alan Weiss, Tim Drost, Jill Cafarelli, Filipe Cravo, Kim and Gordon Goldsmith, Neil Jackson

- 1. A motion was made, seconded and members Dick and Lee were in favor of accepting the meeting minutes from June 20, and June 21, 2023.
- 2. The Board voted on and members Dick, Lee and Bill approved each of the following: Timesheets 6/30/23 & 7/20/23 for Colleen

Invoices for Dick, Lee and Bill's inspections

Money Turnovers for 6/30/23, 7/20/23

Bills payables for Stericycle, Quill office supplies, Colleen mileage, Lee mileage,

Dick mileage and zoom meetings, Fred Marion inspections and mileage, Lynn

Diniz inspections, Bill mileage

COC for 380 East State Street

3. The Board voted on and members Dick and Lee approved each of the following, Bill abstained:

DSCP for 172 West State Steet

DSCP for 11 Meadow Glen Drive

DSCP for 276 Amherst Street

DSCP for 31 Ferry Hill Road

Sign-off for Building Dept. permit for lot 11 School Street

- 4. The Board rejected Dakota Richard's request to extend the DSCP for lot 1B Burnett Street as construction of the system has not yet been started.
- 5. The Board members Dick, Lee and Bill received these Title 5 Inspection Reports:
 - 31 Ferry Hill Road, Alan Weiss, passes
 - 149 Harris Street, Neil Jackson, passes
 - 140 School Street, Neil Jackson, passes
 - 172 West State Street, Neil Jackson, passes
- 6. The review process was not complete for lot 11B Philip Circle or 4 Pinebrook Circle septic designs, Neil Jackson will resubmit for the 8/1/23 meeting.
- 7. The review process was not complete for 51 Forge Pond Road septic design.

- 8. Alan Weiss was present to submit a complete, new construction septic design for a 3-bedroom house at lot 7 Carver Street. The review was complete. The Board approved the design for lot 7 Carver Street subject to a trench permit and a modified drawing with dimension modifications and vent removed.
- 9. Jill Cafarelli was present to submit a complete repair septic design for a 4-bedroom house (550 GPD) at 291 East State Street. The review was not complete. The Board did not approve the design. Tim Drost, owner of 291 East State Street, was present. Dick stated that the Board wasn't notified nor present for the soil evaluation by Charlie Kaniecki. The Board stated that it chooses its representatives and had not appointed Mr. Kaniecki to be its representative in this evaluation. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the design and how many bedrooms the house has. Mr. Drost stated that he did not have access to the Assessor Card and that the Building Inspector did not have drawings for the project. Mr. Drost stated that no walls had been modified and that the house had been three bedrooms continuously since the 1700's. The Board advised Mr. Drost to submit the Assessor's card and/or the Building Permit stating how many bedrooms are in the house. The Board stated the well must be moved and the design must follow the state code. The Board stated that if the house was, in fact, only a potential three-bedroom dwelling, the design should be submitted as such, including correcting the design errors, and would be approved. Lee was going to make arrangements with Mr. Drost to inspect the dwelling.
- 10. Kim and Gordon Goldsmith were present to discuss Kim's Pet Resort at 220 West State Street. The Board noted that the leaching system had very limited capacity and wanted the owner to be aware that water use should be managed properly to prevent failure. Ms. Goldsmith stated that she was aware of the limitation of the SAS. She stated there will be no self-wash station. Ms. Goldsmith stated there will be no overnight accommodation for dogs, but they do have 4 cat cages. All grooming and cleaning will be done with containers rather than with hoses. There is a trap on the septic system for dog and cat hair. The Board advised cleaning the outlet filter on the tank, so hair does not get into the leachfield. The Members expressed that they were comfortable that Ms. Goldsmith understood the system limitations on her business practices.
- 11. The Board discussed the Belchertown bullet incident. Dick has spoken to Chris Martin and Chief O'Grady. A bullet shattered the front door of a residence on Turkey Hill in Belchertown. The State is doing an investigation. The ballistics report is not done yet, so the source of the projectile is unknown at this time. The Board stated that what is known at this time is that a house in Belchertown has been struck by a bullet. The Board expressed its surprise that Belchertown officials seem not to be taking the lead in trying to protect their citizens. The Board stated that the safety of the town's people is paramount, and this is a multi-town problem. Dick stated he would reach out to the Town Administrator of Belchertown to discuss.
- 12. As a result of a complaint, Dick conducted a drive by inspection of building structures and trash behind Subway, down the dirt drive. There is trash, crates, and cartons near the structures. The Board instructed the Assistant to find out who the owner is.

- 13. The Board discussed 63 East Street. The house is run down and unoccupied. The Board instructed the Assistant to contact the BI to coordinate a time to go out with Bill and inspect.
- 14. The Board also discussed the condition of 38 New Ludlow Road. The Board instructed the Assistant to contact the Fire Chief to inquire how the Board can help with this and other houses on his list of abandoned houses. Subsequently, the Assistant spoke with the Fire Chief, he will go out to 63 East Street with Bill and Tom. He would like the Board and Building Inspector to inspect the houses that may be unsafe for his staff to enter.
- 15. The Board discussed 11 Meadow Glen Drive, and 12 Pinebrook Circle. The Board instructed the Assistant to contact John Kopinsky to request the data on the deep holes at both locations.
- 16. The Board discussed Dickinson Farm's Store. They are selling items without labels with ingredient information or where the items were made. The Board instructed the Assistant to contact the Health Inspector and have her inform Dickinson's that they must remove and throw away the items or face being shut down.
- 17. The Board discussed Union Mart's second violation for selling tobacco to a minor. The Board instructed the Assistant to send the violation letter. Mr. Sher, the owner, can appeal. The Board discussed Union Mart's violation of selling flavored tobacco items. The Board instructed the Assistant contact Merridith of the tobacco coalition and ask if another inspection can be conducted to find out if the flavored items have been removed.
- 18. The Board discussed the deed restriction for 54R Ferry Hill Road. The Board stated that one option for wording of the restriction could be, lot 1, and lot 2 must remain in common ownership until lot 2 has a well installed that is dedicated to the dwelling on lot 2.
- 19. The Board postponed the discussion to determine components that require replacement, in spite of an acceptable Title 5 Inspection. This will be discussed at the August 1 meeting.
- 20. The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 7p.m. via conference call/zoom.
- 21. The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Aberdale, Board of Health Assistant

Richard Bombardier, Chair

Lee Lalonde

William Shaheen