

# **Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

## **November 21, 2019**

Present: Kylie Williams, Laura Nolan, Sean Fay and Scott Moles.  
Kylie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Laura and seconded by Kylie to approve the 11/7/2019 minutes. Passed.**

### **Approval of Bills**

The following bill was approved and signed:

Stericycle – Sharps Disposal Program                      \$140.00

### **Health Director's Report**

**Mosquitoes – EEE:** With the arrival of cold weather, the State DPH took down their EEE risk map. The Town notifications have been taken down.

**Flu Clinic:** About 700 doses of vaccine were administered this year. There are 3 remaining doses if anyone needs them. Kylie & Laura said they did. Lynne Bowler, will be contacted regarding administering them.

**Animal Regulations and Barn Book** will be coordinated with PJ Kilkelly, Agricultural Commission Chairperson. Scott will arrange to have PJ attend a BoH meeting in the future.

**Permit reminders** for Food, Tobacco, Installers and Haulers annual renewals have been sent.

**9 Green Street:** Scott will be sending out requests for RFP, and will keep the Board posted.

**Town Hall septic system** upgrade study had a test hole dug this week on the church green. A proposed design will be drafted by Paul Saulnier. The Board will review and approve the plan. They are targeting spring installation.

**State tobacco regulations** banning flavored tobacco and extending the vaping ban have passed the House. The State's stricter regulations would apply to our Town.

**Solar Farm** at Marshall Street dump: the design is targeted for spring.

**194 Lowland Street:** Mike Brumber has a 90 day agreement with Conservation Commission and Zoning Board to remove the mulch material. There are police details ensuring that traffic and noise don't become a problem.

**Kleinfelder Contract** –Scott had Kylie sign the contract renewal for the Board. Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator will process it from here.

### **55 Grove Street – Septic Public Hearing - continued**

7:15 PM: The septic system upgrade public hearing for 55 Grove Street was continued.

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Paul Saulnier, Civilized Solutions,

- Reviewed the original proposed plan for 55 Grove Street. The Eljen technology helps fit the system in the small lot.
- Presented the second design which the Board had requested that moved the tank away from the 49 Grove Street property line. The leach field is 3 lines instead of 2 (original design).
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> plan moves the tank around back so it doesn't require a variance to the property line.
- The retaining wall will be about 2' tall in either plan, but is longer in the 2<sup>nd</sup> plan as it curves around the back of the property.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> plan requires the removal of 3 large trees, but saves one of the California Dawn Redwoods.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> plan will probably increase the run-off to 49 Grove Street.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> plan will cost \$1,500 more than the first design to install, and will have the additional cost of tree removal.
- The 55 Grove Street septic system upgrade is necessary and will be a significant improvement over the current failed cesspit system.
- The Knorr's prefer the first design.

Bob Knorr, 55 Grove Street:

- Submitted a statement to the Board from an arborist stating the Redwoods would survive the construction of the original septic design, and outlined recommendations for ensuring the trees' health.
- The Redwood trees have been there for 15 years and seem to have mitigated the previously occurring standing water.
- They want to be responsive to their neighbor's requests. They will work to minimize the construction disruption and optimize the end result appearance.

Barbara & Rick Kattman, 49 Grove Street:

- They prefer the 2<sup>nd</sup> design because it moves the tank away from their property line.
- Barbara submitted a letter to the Board explaining how they have had increased effluence from the 55 Grove Street septic system since the Knorr's added a dishwasher in 2009.
- They are concerned that the tank might leak and getting it farther from the property line is good.
- They said the Knorr's should have had a master landscape plan before they planted the Redwood trees.
- They believe the Redwood trees may ruin the new septic system.
- Rick said he would like both Redwood trees removed so they can "do it right."
- They would like the concrete from the cesspool cap removed. And there is a pile of bricks in the back that needs to be removed.
- They live on a small lot and the location of a retaining wall even 1' closer is impactful.

Donna Wolf, attorney for Kattman's:

- The Board's primary responsibility is conformity and minimizing variances.
- Losing trees is not a hardship.
- Maintaining the proper setback on the Kattman's property line is most important.

The Board thanked everyone for their input. They discussed the merits of the two plans.

- The tank will not leak. Cesspits "leak." The failed cesspits are causing effluence onto 49 Grove Street. The proximity of the tank to the property line is inconsequential as it is underground.
- Support of excavation can minimize the construction disturbance to neighbors.
- Removing the trees has an ecological impact, and reduces visual screening from street to back yards.
- The arborist recommendations need to be followed, and an adequate barrier needs to be installed to ensure the trees don't impact the new septic system.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> design will result in more run-off onto 49 Grove Street.
- Construction now will be easier than in the spring.

- The 55 Grove Street driveway is on the property line. Erosion control would be appropriate along the property line.
- The property line should be staked.
- The rear cesspit should be filled with clean stone and the front cesspit can be filled with site material.
- Both cesspits are to be decommissioned in place, and not visible from the surface.
- The owners should take before and after photos to mitigate future disagreements.
- The Board is in favor of the 1<sup>st</sup> septic upgrade design, believing it will result in a better outcome for everyone, visually and functionally.
- The Board outlined conditions on the 1<sup>st</sup> plan to ensure the best outcome.

**Kylie motioned to approve the original proposed septic upgrade plan dated 9-4-19 for 55 Grove Street with the following conditions:**

1. **Support of excavation be used along the property line to minimize impact to neighbors.**
2. **Adequate erosion control be used along the property line; not just a silt fence, but include a silt sock.**
3. **Move the stone retaining wall toward the tank and away from the 49 Grove Street property line as much as reasonable.**
4. **Remove the cesspit concrete pad from above grade, and notify the Kattman's 3 days prior to doing this work on their property.**
5. **Implement the recommendations of the arborist to minimize the impact to the trees.**
6. **Remove all bricks from the property line.**

**Laura seconded. Passed.**

**Laura motioned to close the public hearing for 55 Grove Street septic upgrade. Kylie seconded. Passed.**

Kylie spoke to the Kattman's and said the Board understands their concerns. They are looking at the big picture and believe that this will result in the best outcome for everyone.

Bob Knorr said he welcomes the Kattman's input on the retaining wall.

Paul will revise the plan to reflect the conditions and resubmit it with the 11-21-19 date.

The Board thanked everyone for their time and efforts.

**BoH Meeting Schedule** planning: Scott gave the Board the meeting schedule for the next 6 months and the public school calendar. The Board said they would be in town for the school's February vacation week.

### **Board Member Comment**

Laura will not be present on 1-16-19. The other members would be present.

Laura requested that they discuss meeting a different day of the week. It can be discussed at the next meeting.

**Laura motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Seconded by Sean. Passed.**

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 12-19-19

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