

LEICESTER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Montiverdi, Richard Spaulding, Diane Moffat

MEMBERS ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: Francis Dagle, Board of Health Agent; Michelle Buck, Director of Inspectional Services/Town Planner; Kelly Conroy, BOH Administrative Assistant; Julie VanArsdalen, CMRPHA,

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2020

MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM

Meeting called to order at: 6:02PM

Chris Montiverdi did a roll call. All members present.

C. Montiverdi introduced new Health Agent Francis Dagle.

Open Hearing - 46 Lake Drive

C. Montiverdi gave an overview of LUA's (Local Upgrade Approval)

Local Upgrade Approval Request(s)

1. Pump Chamber to Foundation 5' instead of 10' 310 CMR 15.405(B)
2. Pump Chamber to Property Line 5' instead of 10' 310 CMR 15.405(A)
3. Pump Chamber to (own) well 34' instead of 50'

Peter Lavoie from Summit Engineering was present and gave an overview of the plan.

Summit made changes that J. VanArsdalen advised. Plan was displayed. She clarified and recommended approval. No abutters were present at the meeting.

Motion: R. Spaulding moved to approve Pump Chamber to Foundation 5' instead of 10' 310 CMR 15.405(B)

Second: D. Moffat

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: All in favor (3-0-0)

Motion: R. Spaulding moved to approve Pump Chamber to Property Line 5' instead of 10' 310 CMR 15.405(A)

Second: D. Moffat

Discussion: J. VanArsdalen clarified they are Local Upgrade Approvals not variances

Roll call vote: All in favor (3-0-0)

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Second: D. Moffat

Discussion: C. Montiverdi inquired about need for water test which J. VanArsdalen confirmed none needed.

Roll call vote: All in favor (3-0-0)

Close Hearing - 46 Lake Drive

Motion: R. Spaulding moved to ratify bills as presented.

Second: D. Moffat

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: All in favor (3-0-0)

Motion: R. Spaulding moved to accept minutes dated September 21, 2020 as presented.

Second: D. Moffat

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: All in favor (3-0-0)

Public Health Specialist Report

Title 5

149 Peter Salem Road - PASSES

169 White Birch Street = PASSES

171 River Street - FAILS

298 Henshaw Street - PASSES

63 Charles Street - PASSES

405 Pine Street - PASSES

17 Lakeview Drive - PASSES

61 Lakeview Drive - PASSES

6 Woodland Avenue - PASSES

103 Moose Hill Road - PASSES

156 Peter Salem Road - PASSES

290 Pine Street - PASSES

59 Parker Street - PASSES

6-8 Boyd Street - PASSES

J. VanArsdalen spoke about 171 River Street (Fail T5). She discussed the change in use to a single-family dwelling, conducted official deeps and percs as new construction. System will be designed and submitted.

Septic Inspections/Perc/Soil/Reviews

130 Green Street (perc) / 380 & 390 Marshall Street (perc) / 312 River Street (perc) / 46 Lake Drive (perc) / 211 Baldwin Street (PR) / 390 Auburn Street (PR) / 38 Siani Rd (septic x3) / 1114 Whittemore St (final) / 1 Hillside Dr (septic x2)

F. Dagle discussed COVID complaints, averaging 3-5 daily, mix of restaurants, business and gatherings. He does a site visit with-in 24 hours and re-educates. He stated many of the complaints have been unfounded. Senior management expressed interest in covid testing being conducted in Leicester. Research and calls made to *Stop the Spread* were conducted and denied because availability and the close proximity to Worcester. He also reached out to *Physicians One* who explained their capabilities and fee schedule. Discussion whether cost outweighs the effort and what costs the town would incur. D. Moffat spoke about access to the DPH mobile units performing testing at least through the school system, substantial portion of population. She also spoke about the Pilot Program, where school nurses testing on site. C. Montiverdi spoke about tools that would be offered to red communities. The state was inundated quickly and responded with a more regional plan. He agreed that the town cannot fund testing, unless state has more resources.

C. Montiverdi left meeting and R. Spaulding served as chair pro-tempore.

F. Dagle met with Walmart to review the Black Friday events scheduled for November. He also noted there was a covid complaint for this store, but it proved to be unfounded. He has made tickets with state prescribed fines to address violations related to covid. He stated this is the mechanism in place, but education and warnings will be first. F. Dagle spoke on notices/complaints about large events that happen on weekends, hearsay issues, after the fact. He discussed that he could generate a general letter template reminding them of the orders in place and violations that can be incurred. He explained that complainants' need to notify Police Department. D. Moffat inquired about what happens when there is a violation. He explained this has not occurred yet, but Police Department will be given the violation form to assist in how to cite individuals. The Public Health Office will follow-up after the event as the educators. R. Spaulding stated that the board always goes with education. F. Dagle commented on the re-opening discussion that will occur at the Select Board meeting. He and the board agreed that their lack of time in receiving this information was a detriment. D. Moffat inquired about the push to re-open and if there has been an interruption of services. F. Dagle and M. Buck noted that there has been no interruption of services in their department.

R. Spaulding moved on to collection box bylaw. The BOH collectively agreed that there should not be collection boxes in the town. D. Moffat noted that there were plenty of brick and mortar stores, like Salvation Army, to donate. R. Spaulding stated if they are allowed there should be a maintenance procedure in place. The BOH expressed concern about the lack of upkeep, they are a dumping ground and eye sore. Neighboring towns, including Worcester, have had difficulties with existing bins. F. Dagle inquired if the Board would like to make a recommendation that they should not be in town. D. Moffat would like more information (list). F. Dagle will make a comprehensive list of the current bins in Leicester and discuss them at the next scheduled meeting date.

R. Spaulding will be reaching out to board for next meeting in mid-December. D. Moffat inquired about interpreter services F. Dagle working on. There will be 2. She explained DPH are offering free for any COVID response through June. The town and the schools can use them for any translation services relating to COVID.

D. Moffat made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned: 7:02PM

Documents submitted to the Board at the meeting:

- * Agenda
- * Bills to ratify
- * Minutes 9/21/20 Meeting
- * Inspections FY2020 (11/10/20)
- * Collection Box Amendments
- * 46 Lake Drive (all backup material for hearing)