



Board of Health – Town of Spencer
Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 2021
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Board of Health Members present: Dan Shields (Chair), Lee Jarvis

Board of Health Agent present: Lisa Daoust

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes: December 7, 2020 – *A motion to approve the minutes (Jarvis/Shields) passed 2/0.*

Old Business:

Continuation of Animal Permit – Rosa Reyes - 30 Donnelly Cross Road, 10 chickens, 2 bunnies. Jonathan Viner of 34 Donnelly Cross Road joined the meeting and wanted to know if the materials were sufficient and if it met the Board of Health regulations. Mr. Jarvis said that it does meet the requirements. Mr. Viner wanted to know why the location of the private wells were not on the plans. Mr. Jarvis said that BOH has the right to require or not require that information. Small animals would not interfere with wells. Mr. Jarvis said there is no environmental impact or detriment to the well. He read from “Law Insider” that “household pets such as dogs, cats,

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chickens, ducks, geese, rabbits, mice, hamsters, gerbils, parakeets, reptiles, fish and amphibians can have pets kept for companionship.” Mr. Viner said that in the BOH regulations, poultry is not considered a household pet. Mr. Shields said that he cannot understand how a boa constrictor can be a pet. There was a discussion on pets. Mr. Jarvis said there would need to be a protocol if there was a virus from pets, such as the Avian Influenza. Mr. Viner wanted to know if the fence met the building and zoning code. Mr. Jarvis said that is not under our purview. Anything under 200 square feet does not require a building permit. If you questioned the zoning, you would have to file a complaint. Mr. Viner wanted to know if the coops will be 25 feet from the property line. Catherine, the applicant’s daughter said that the coops are more than that.

A motion to approve the animal permit for 30 Donnelly Cross Road (Shields/Jarvis) 2/0 passed.

LUA – Continuation 41 Lake Avenue- De Kerk – Eljen Sand Filter Treatment. SAS is 2 feet and 4 feet from abutting lots, 7.1 feet from foundation and 51 feet from abutters well. Septic tank is 4.6 feet from foundation, 7.8 feet to lot line Pump chamber is 6.1 feet to foundation and 1.8 feet to lot line. The new well is 72 feet from proposed SAS.

A motion to accept as presented (Jarvis/Shields) 2/0 passed.

New Business:

LUA – 16 Shore Drive – Bui – Presby Enviro Septic; reduction of setback from surface waters from 50’ to 27’, reduction of setback from private well from 100’ to 54’, reduction in separation between SAS and high groundwater from 4’ to 3’. Mr. Jarvis said that you cannot take both a reduction from the well and separation to high ground water without an alternate treatment system. He does not believe Presby meets these requirements.

A motion to continue to May 3, 2021 (Shields/Jarvis) 2/0 passed.

LUA – 24 Briarcliff Lane – Kelly – Plastic 1,500-gallon water-tight tank, SAS is 12’ from foundation, 7’ from water line, septic tank is 4’ from foundation.

A motion to accept the plan as presented (Jarvis/Shields) 2/0 passed.

Other Business:

Review & Act on COVID-19 response

Mr. Jarvis requested that Richard Chaffee be sponsored by the BOH and take the Soil Evaluator exam.

A motion to allow Richard Chaffee to take the Soil Evaluator exam under sponsorship of the Town at no cost (Jarvis/Shields) 2/0 passed.

Ms. Daoust reported that there are 617 confirmed cases and 61 active cases presently. Harrington Hospital is doing a phenomenal job. When there are clinics available, Ms. Daoust will send out mass emails.

Review/Discuss Interim BOH Member applicants

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Jesselyn Gaucher and Jennifer Konisky have applied to become BOH members. These is a 1 year and 3-year positions.

A motion to appoint both Jesselyn Gaucher and Jennifer Konisky as interim BOH members (Shields/Jarvis) 2/0 passed.

Lee Jarvis stated that he would like to resign from his position with the Board of Health. Ralph Hicks and Gary Woodbury called in to thank Mr. Jarvis for all of his years of service.

Mr. Viner had another question regarding the animal permit. He wanted to know if anyone went out to inspect the location of the structure. Mr. Jarvis said that animal control went out.

Adjournment:

*A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. (Jarvis/Shields) 2/0 passed.
All in favor: Shields-Aye, Jarvis-Aye*

Documents Reviewed at the 2/4/21 Board of Health Meeting

Agenda 2/4/21

Minutes 12/7/20

Animal Permit – 30 Donnelly Cross Road

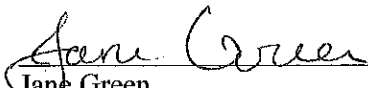
LUA – Septic Plan -- 41 Lake Avenue

Continuance – LUA – 16 Shore Drive

LUA – Septic Plan – 24 Briarcliff Lane

A motion to adjourn the meeting at p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Green
Board of Health Clerk

