

BOARD OF HEALTH – TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: *Wendy Parrinello, Board Secretary*

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Adequate Notice of this meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Mendham was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to the Observer Tribune and Daily Record on January 31, 2023. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Township offices and notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: *Led by Mr. Benjamin Weber*

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Nickolas Mitilenes
Mr. Benjamin Weber
Mr. Kenneth West
Ms. Diane Tolley, Alternate 2

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Weber makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented and with the additional correction stated. Mr. Mitilenes seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Mr. Mitilenes

Mr. Weber

Ms. Tolley

ABSTAIN: Mr. West

BUSINESS:

BLOCK 109 LOT 23

APPLICANT: Backer Farm; 32 Ironia Road

APPLICATION: Renewal of approved septic permit: Board to act on the endorsement for certification as the sewage authority to extend the Treatment Works Approval (TWA) which expires in May, 2023

- Mr. Weber explains to the current Board members that in March of 2021, the Board of Health approved Backer Farms septic plan subject to certain conditions, which were adopted by way of resolution in March, 2021. In March, 2022, the owners of Backer Farm, along with professional representation, were before the Board to request a one-year extension of the original permit approval. After much discussion and a series of meetings, the Board ultimately granted the one-year extension.

- Mr. Weber continues that a Treatment Works Approval was granted by the Board in March, 2021 and a certificate was issued by the State of New Jersey in May, 2021.
- The farm-based brewery application is still pending before the Morris County Agricultural Development Board.
- Today, March 21, 2023, the Board is being asked to act on the following:
 1. Grant an additional one-year extension on the approved septic permit.
 2. Receive the Township's endorsement for certification as the sewage authority to extend the Treatment Works Approval for the farm-based brewery at Backer Farm, which expires on May 24, 2023.
- Ms. Freer confirms that there have been no regulatory changes and that the septic/brewery plans for Backer Farm remain the same.
- Mr. Weber asks if there are any questions from the Board and/or from the public.
- Mr. Weber proposes a motion that the Board grant the two following requests:
 1. Grant a one-year extension of the septic permit.
 2. Authorize Ms. Freer to provide the endorsement for certification as the sewage authority to extend the Treatment Works Approval (TWA) for the proposed farm-based brewery at Backer Farm.
- Mr. West seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Mr. Mitilenes

Mr. Weber

Ms. Tolley

Mr. West

HEALTH OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Reviewed by Ms. Freer. Full reports available in the Board of Health Office

February, 2023

- Ms. Freer follows up with a question that Mr. Mitilenes had at the last Board of Health meeting – regarding the communicable disease, RSV, not being reported on the CDRSS. Ms. Freer explains that RSV is not a reportable disease - while the County keeps track of RSV numbers, it's not recorded on the CDRSS. Currently, Morris County, as a whole, accounts for 6.09% of positive RSV tests.
- Dr. Carlos Perez, Health Officer, continues to participate in conference calls hosted by the NJ Department of Health relative to Covid-19 and grant funding.
- The County Division of Public Health is the recipient of childhood lead poisoning prevention grant funds. Such funds will be used to reimburse contract municipalities for lead inspector/risk assessor license training costs.
- Dr. Perez and Assistant Health Officer, Stephanie Gorman continue to work on the Enhancing Local Public Health Capacity Grant application.
- Ms. Freer explains that a complaint was reported from a tenant residing at 56 Old Mill Road. The tenant was concerned that the septic was visibly failing. Ms. Freer conducted

several site inspections over several days, but no visible evidence that the septic was failing was found. Ms. Freer sent a notice via regular and certified mail.

- Ms. Freer has not heard anything further from the complainant or the tenant from 3 Burnett Road.
- Ms. Tolley asks if the defibrillators in the Township are regularly checked. Ms. Freer states that she checks the defibrillators at the recreational bathing sites – Brookside Beach, Jockey Hollow and Lewis Morris Park. Mr. Monaghan states that the defibrillators located at the Township fields are the responsibility of the Township and that they should be monitored regularly.
- Mr. Weber makes a motion to accept the Health Officers Monthly Report as presented. Mr. West seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL – YES

Mr. Mitilenes

Mr. Weber

Mr. West

Ms. Tolley

SUCH MATTERS THAT MAY RIGHTFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

- Mr. Weber would like to confirm that Backer Farm has paid the permit renewal fee for this year. Ms. Parrinello states that the Backers have paid the appropriate fee for permit renewal.

ADJOURNMENT

8:10 PM