

BOARD OF HEALTH – TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 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 Mitlenes
Ms. Ann Reale
Mr. Benjamin Weber
Mr. Kenneth West
Ms. Diane Tolley, Alternate 2

APPROVAL OF APRIL 25, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. West makes a motion to approve the minutes with the two corrections given. Mr. Weber seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Ms. Reale
Mr. Weber
Mr. West
Ms. Tolley

ABSTAIN: Mr. Mitlenes

BUSINESS:

BLOCK 117 LOT 43

APPLICANT: Byron Pena; 171 Mountainside Road

APPLICATION: Alteration/Expansion; Careaga Engineering, Inc.

- Ms. Robin Sellitto of Careaga Engineering, Inc. is in attendance and is representing the applicant for the septic project at 171 Mountainside Road. Ms. Sellitto explains that the existing system is a cesspool that services a three-bedroom home. The cesspool will be properly abandoned and replaced with a 1000g, single compartment septic tank and a 1,500g pump tank. Ms. Sellitto states that the expansion of the septic system will accommodate the potential for an additional bedroom.

- Ms. Sellitto states that the property is serviced by city water.
- Ms. Sellitto explains that there is a reserve area in the front yard that meets all set-back requirements, but that the water line would need to be relocated 10ft. from the field.
- Mr. Weber asks Ms. Sellitto if there are architectural drawings for the home. Ms. Sellitto states that there are no architectural drawings because the intention is not to expand the home at this time.
- Mr. West states that there will need to be a sketch drawing that illustrates the proposed changes to the building.
- Ms. Sellitto states that a sketch drawing will be provided.
- Mr. West makes a motion to approve the septic plans subject to the following criteria:
 1. Sketch plans for the home are submitted to Mendham Township Board of Health and to Mr. Korshalla for confirmation of potential bedroom count.
 2. As part of the Boards file, a note to be added to the septic design plans, which acknowledges that, "if the home is not expanded to four-bedrooms prior to the expiration date of the septic permit, the Board of Health will need to review the application to make sure the expansion still meets all requirements."
- Mr. Reale seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Mr. Mitilenes

Ms. Reale

Mr. Weber

Mr. West

Ms. Tolley

HEALTH OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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

April, 2023

- Dr. Carlos Perez, Health Officer, continues to participate in conference calls hosted by the NJ Department of Health relative to grant funding.
- Dr. Perez and Assistant Health Officer, Stephanie Gorman reviewed covid-19 clinic and homebound immunization reports and updates.
- Mr. Weber asks Ms. Freer if there is a timeline as to when grants will be funded. Ms. Freer reads from a memo, provided by Dr. Perez, which elaborates on the purpose of the grants applied for, requirements for the grants and how funds will be distributed. Ms. Freer states that the funds have been granted, but how the money is allocated, can be fluid as costs continue to fluctuate.
- Dr. Perez continues to monitor CDC and New Jersey Department of Health health alerts regarding Marburg Virus Disease outbreaks in Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania.
- Mr. Mitilenes asks if there are any programs set up to educate the public about vector born illnesses. Mr. Mitilenes states that, in particular, Babesiosis, a tick-borne illness, is on the rise and often missed or misdiagnosed in testing. Mr. Mitilenes suggests that

literature and/or educational materials about the tick-borne illness can be beneficial. Ms. Freer will make note of the suggestion for the County.

- The Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop that was to take place in May will be postponed. A future date for the workshop will be announced later in the year.
- Mr. Weber makes a motion to accept the Health Officer's Monthly Report as presented. Ms. Reale seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL – YES

Mr. Mitlenes

Ms. Reale

Mr. Weber

Mr. West

Ms. Tolley

SUCH MATTERS THAT MAY RIGHTFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. Tolley brings up the well water testing requirements in Mendham Township as it relates to the sale of a home in the Township. Ms. Tolley would like more information as to why Mendham Township requires additional water tests, in particular, the Langelier Index test. These additional tests are costly and obtaining results can often take longer than obtaining the results for the tests that NJ State already requires. Ms. Tolley asks if the additional test is still relevant and necessary?

There is a brief discussion among the Board members about the Langelier Index test, the age of the Township ordinance, and the reason for the test. The Langelier Index is an approximate indicator of the degree of saturation of calcium carbonate in the water – this can lead to the corrosion of pipes over time. While there is no requirement to remedy the water condition when the results of a Langelier Index test shows saturation that's out of a normal range, it's required that the results of the test be noted on the Potable Water Certificate.

Mr. Weber asks Ms. Freer if other municipalities that the County works with are requiring the Langelier Index. Ms. Freer states that she will look into well water testing requirements of other municipalities in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

8:23 PM