

**BOARD OF HEALTH – TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2022 – 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 February 3, 2022. 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:

Dr. Goswami
Ms. Ann Reale
Mr. Jesse Smith
Mr. Benjamin Weber
Mr. Ken West
Mr. John Atkins, Alternate 1

APPROVAL OF MAY 24, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. West makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Goswami seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Ms. Reale
Mr. Smith
Mr. Weber
Mr. West

NEW BUSINESS

BLOCK 116 LOT 43

APPLICANT: Brandon Schreck

APPLICATION: Septic New Construction – 225 Mountainside Road – David E. Fantina, Engineer

- Mr. David Fantina is in attendance and is the engineer representing applicants, Brandon and Jenna Schreck. The Schreck's are building a new home at 225 Mountainside Road. The septic system will be gravity fed and will be designed for a four-bedroom home.

- Mr. Fantina acknowledges the memos from Mr. Korshalla and Ms. Freer and agrees to revise the septic plans so that the following are reflected.
 1. Water line is moved to the west side of the driveway.
 2. Soil log data is added to the septic design plan.
 3. Clean-outs are shown on the pipe.
 4. A swale is added uphill of the septic bed.
 5. Reserve area is added to the plan.
- Mr. West moves to approve the septic plan with the revisions stated above. Ms. Reale seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Dr. Goswami

Ms. Reale

Mr. Smith

Mr. Weber

Mr. West

BLOCK 147 LOTS 42.01, 42.05 – 42.14 and 42.16

APPLICANT: Irene's Spring Tree Farm – Lawrence Farm Land, LLC

APPLICATION: Septic Feasibility for Exmoor Drive and Sutton Place – Yannaccone, Villa & Aldrich, LLC

- Mr. Ryan Smith is in attendance and is the engineer representing the Lawrence Farm Land septic feasibility study. Mr. R. Smith explains that in 2003 a 16-lot subdivision was approved. Of the 12 lots that are currently vacant, the applicant is seeking to re-subdivide into a total of 21 proposed lots – using the Mendham Township ordinance of lot size averaging in section 21-10, which allows for a mix of lots of varying sizes and configurations within neighborhoods consistent with the Township's historic development pattern. The average lot size will be above 5 acres, but the proposed lots range in size from 3 acres to 10.93 acres.
- Mr. R. Smith continues that 140 soil logs were completed and K4 and K5 sand, loamy sand and sandy loam soils were identified in all of the septic areas. Each lot has a suitable septic and reserve area.
- Mr. Weber asks Mr. R. Smith what the applicant is asking of the Board. Mr. R. Smith states that the applicant is seeking approval of the soils being suitable to support future individual septic systems for each lot.
- Mr. Mills explains that a resolution will be prepared for the planning board that indicates that the Board of Health has reviewed the data and that the Board finds that the property is suitable from a septic system perspective for subdivision approval.
- Dr. Goswami refers to the wetlands noted on some of the properties and asks how that will be addressed. Mr. Mills states that septic plans for individual lots will be examined by Mr. Korshalla and Ms. Freer and will be under final review with the Board.

- Mr. Weber states that if the Township's ordinances were to change before future septic plans for a particular lot came before the Board, the applicant would still have to adapt to the rules that were in effect at that time.
- Mr. R. Smith and the Board review the memos provided by Ms. Freer and Mr. Korshalla.
- Mr. West asks, when proposed plans for individual homes and septic systems come back before the Board, will the same soil tests presented be used again? Mr. R. Smith states yes, each lot and layout was customized; location of wetlands were factored in the process of soil testing. Ultimately the soil was found feasible for this subdivision.
- Mr. West recuses himself from acting on this project, as his own property is within 200 ft. of the proposed development.
- Mr. Weber makes a motion to accept the material as it has been presented and directs Mr. Mills to prepare a resolution to the Planning Board finding that the soils are suitable for underground waste disposal systems. Mr. J. Smith seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Dr. Goswami

Ms. Reale

Mr. Smith

Mr. Weber

Mr. Atkins, Alternate 1

**The Board addressed the use of bio-basins for this development. Mr. R. Smith explained that bio-basins will be in use because of the new stormwater regulations. Mr. R. Smith described a bio-basin as a system that consists of a soil bed planted with vegetation. Pollutants are treated through the processes of settling and uptake and filtration by the vegetation. Pollutants are also treated within the soil bed through infiltration. The total suspended solids (TSS) removal rate is roughly 90%.

HEALTH OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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

May, 2022

- Dr. Carlos Perez, Health Officer and Stephanie Gorman, Assistant Health Officer, have been working with Atlantic Health System to promote Covid-19 vaccination and booster shots.
- Discussions regarding the Backer Farm septic application continue to be discussed among County Officials. On May 31, 2022, County members met with members from the DEP and with Mike Roth. The DEP explained that they do not provide guidance to engineers, but they do provide guidance to local health departments seeking clarification on items. Ms. Freer reads an email from the DEP, which gives clarification/confirmation that the septic design flow is appropriate for the Backer Farm brewery project.
- Early planning stages of the flu shot and rabies vaccine clinics are underway.

- Mr. Weber makes a motion to accept the Health Officer's Report for the month of May.
Mr. West seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Dr. Goswami

Ms. Reale

Mr. Smith

Mr. Weber

Mr. West

SUCH MATTERS THAT MAY RIGHTFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Backer Farm: Resolution 22-6 Affirming Adoption of Resolution 22-5

- Mr. West makes a motion to approved Resolution 22-6. Mr. Smith seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Dr. Goswami

Ms. Reale

Mr. Smith

Mr. Weber

Mr. West

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Meeting Adjourned:

8:26 PM