

**BOARD OF HEALTH – TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 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 JUNE 28, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL: YES

Dr. Goswami
Ms. Reale
Mr. Smith
Mr. Weber
Mr. West

NEW BUSINESS

BLOCK 127 LOT 7

APPLICANT: Andrea Turner

APPLICATION: Septic Expansion/Change in Use – 13 Woodland Road – Careaga Engineering, Inc.

**** Mr. Mills recuses himself from acting on this project, as he is representing the applicant of this property in the real-estate transaction.**

- Ms. Robin Sellitto is in attendance via Zoom and is representing the applicant, Andrea Turner. Ms. Sellitto explains that they are before the Board for an expansion from a two-bedroom to a three-bedroom septic system. Currently this property has both a black water system and a grey water system. Both systems will be abandoned in place. Careaga is proposing an AquaKlear Aerobic, new 1000g septic tank – it's a pretreatment unit to a gravity disposal field. The property is serviced by city water. All set-backs are met to adjacent septic systems; set-backs are met for 25ft. to the property line; a reserve area is shown for the expansion. There are no proposed additions to the home at this time.
- Mr. Weber inquires of the letter 'W' that runs through the reserve area and the main field on the design plans. Ms. Sellitto states that the 'W' is where the existing water line is – that existing water line will be relocated 10 ft. from the disposal field, which is shown as a 'W', and illustrated at the 'thicker lines' on the septic design plans.
- Mr. Weber inquires if the Board is being asked to approve a system for a two-bedroom or a three-bedroom home. Ms. Sellitto states that the home currently has two-bedrooms and that the applicant is seeking approval for a septic system that can accommodate a possible three-bedroom home in the future.
- Mr. Smith states that currently the applicant is selling the dwelling as a three-bedroom home. The system that is being installed is designed to accommodate a three-bedroom home.
- Mr. West points out that the septic design plans state that this is an existing two-bedroom house and that the plans propose a three-bedroom dwelling, however, there is no proposed work. Mr. Weber states that the applicant should either state that this is an existing three-bedroom home or submit architecture indicating that this will be a three-bedroom home.
- Ms. Sellitto states that a note will be added to the plans confirming that there is no proposed addition or architecture at this time. In the event that there will be an addition to the home, the applicant/future owner will have to come back before the Board of Health for the required approvals at that time.
- Ms. Sellitto reviews memos from Ms. Freer and Mr. Korshalla with the Board.
- Mr. Smith asks about the costs for the service contract for the AquaKlear system and what they are. Ms. Sellitto states that the annual maintenance plan for this system is roughly \$350. The installer must be certified to install this type of system.
- Mr. Weber makes a proposal to approve the plan and application as presented with two qualifications:
 - a. Illustrate a proposed cleanout within 5ft. of the dwelling.
 - b. Add a note to the plan which states that the building is currently a two-bedroom home, but the septic system qualifies for a three-bedroom home under current septic criteria. If there are any future physical modifications to the home, they will be subject to Township approvals, including clearing the design and architectural with the Board of Health, and it would be subject to what is required of a three-bedroom home at that time.
- Mr. West seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Dr. Goswami
Ms. Reale
Mr. Smith
Mr. Weber
Mr. West

HEALTH OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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

June, 2022

- Dr. Carlos Perez has been working with Atlantic Health to coordinate flu and covid-19 vaccination clinics with municipalities. Mendham Township flu and covid-19 vaccine clinic will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Participants must be age 18 and older.
- The Board asks about the Monkey Pox virus. Ms. Freer states that the Public Health Nurses are in weekly meetings with the State for updates and protocols. Monkey Pox is monitored in CDRSS.
- New lead-based paint law requires that all pre-1978 rental properties obtain a lead-safe certificate. If no lead-based paint hazards are found during an inspection, the local agency or the certified lead evaluation contractor shall certify the dwelling unit as lead-safe on a form given by the Department of Community Affairs.
- The Health Education Field Representative created Sun-safe outreach for lifeguards at the recreational bathing facilities – lifeguards were given packets of UV ray reactive bracelets, sunblock and Chapstick.

July, 2022

- Dr. Carlos Perez continued to work with Atlantic Health on the flu and covid-19 vaccination clinics.
- Assistant Health Officer, Stephanie Gorman met with Ms. Freer, Principal REHS to discuss a Food Handler's Course scheduled for September, 2022.
- All Mendham Township summer camps are audited throughout the Summer.
- Ms. Freer shares that two residents have reported complaints about their newly installed septic systems. Both homeowners have the advanced wastewater treatment Ecoflo system and have complained of odors that make it unbearable to be in their backyards. Ms. Freer has reached out to the installers and also to the maintenance company provided for Ecoflo. Ms. Freer recommends following the company's guidelines as they design this type of system and know what's best for each property.
- Mr. Weber makes a motion to accept the Health Officer's Report for the months of June and July. Ms. Reale 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

Mendham Township Municipal building will be under renovation from October 2022 – October 2023. How will Board of Health meetings be conducted, i.e., virtual, alternate location?

- Mr. Mills states that the Board of Health will follow with how the Township Committee decides to conduct their meetings while the building is under renovation.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

With regards to the Lawrence Spring Tree Farm, Mr. West inquires of the wetlands and the 300ft. buffer that currently exists for the recent subdivision of the lots. The previously approved subdivision called for a 150ft. buffer to the wetlands. Does the fact that the subdivision has been re-subdivided change the measurements of the original buffer of 150ft. to comply with the current ruling of the 300ft. buffer from the wetlands?

Mr. Mills states that a new set of rules cannot be imposed on the original subdivision. However, current septic applications will require Board of Health approval and will have to comply with the rules that are in place now.

Meeting Adjourned:

8:42 PM