

BOARD OF HEALTH – TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 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:

Ms. Ann Reale
Mr. Jesse Smith
Mr. Benjamin Weber
Mr. Ken West

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 23, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL: YES

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

NEW BUSINESS

APPLICANT: Shores Road, LLC

- Mr. Fernando Martello, Site Supervisor and Mr. Eric Mehalik, Engineer, are in attendance via Zoom and are representing the applicant, Shores Road, LLC.
- Mr. Mehalik will refer to lots 29.03-29.06, in general, as the septic plans are the same for each home.
- Mr. Mehalik reviews the septic design plans with Ms. Freer and the Board members.
- Mr. Weber stresses that maintaining at least a 60ft. set-back for the wells is an important part of the development of this particular area.
- Mr. West asks if the intention is to increase the depth of the casing to compensate for the reduction from 75ft. to 60ft. from the lot line. Mr. West continues that set-backs to the side lots are not being met.

- Mr. Mehalik states that the plans will be revised to include dimensions from the proposed well location to both side lot lines and front lot lines.
- Mr. Weber suggests that memos received from Ms. Freer and Mr. Korshalla are reviewed for each property beginning with Lot 29.03.

BLOCK 127 LOT 29.03

APPLICANT: Shores Road, LLC

APPLICATION: New Construction – 5 Acadia Circle – Engineering & Land Planning Associates, Inc.

- Mr. Mehalik acknowledges the memos from Mr. Korshalla and Ms. Freer and agrees to revise the septic plans so that the following are reflected.
 1. Soil log data is added to the septic design plan.
 2. Revise plan to include dimensions from the proposed well to both side lot and front lot lines and make sure the well is at least 60ft. from both side lot lines.
 3. Make sure the septic plan set has engineer's seal for resubmission.
- Mr. Weber moves to approve the septic plans with the qualifications stated above. Mr. West seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

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

BLOCK 127 LOT 29.04

APPLICANT: Shores Road, LLC

APPLICATION: New Construction – 7 Acadia Circle – Engineering & Land Planning Associates, Inc.

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 2. Revise plan to include dimensions from the proposed well to both side lot and front lot lines and make sure the well is at least 60ft. from both side lot lines.
 3. Make sure the septic plan set has engineer's seal for resubmission.
- Mr. Weber moves to approve the septic plans with the qualifications stated above. Ms. Real seconds the motion

ROLL CALL: YES

Ms. Reale
Mr. Smith
Mr. Weber

Mr. West

BLOCK 127 LOT 29.05

APPLICANT: Shores Road, LLC

APPLICATION: New Construction – 9 Acadia Circle – Engineering & Land Planning Associates, Inc.

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 1. Soil log data is added to the septic design plan.
 2. Revise plan to include dimensions from the proposed well to both side lot and front lot lines and make sure the well is at least 60ft. from both side lot lines.
 3. Revise plan to add swales uphill of proposed disposal beds to divert stormwater runoff around them.
 4. Make sure the septic plan set has engineer's seal for resubmission.
- Mr. Weber moves to approve the septic plans with the qualifications stated above. Mr. West seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Ms. Reale

Mr. Smith

Mr. Weber

Mr. West

BLOCK 127 LOT 29.06

APPLICANT: Shores Road, LLC

APPLICATION: New Construction – 11 Acadia Circle – Engineering & Land Planning Associates, Inc.

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 1. Soil log data is added to the septic design plan.
 2. Revise plan to include dimensions from the proposed well to both side lot and front lot lines and make sure the well is at least 60ft. from both side lot lines.
 3. Revise plan to add swales uphill of proposed disposal beds to divert stormwater runoff around them.
 4. Make sure the septic plan set has engineer's seal for resubmission.
- Mr. Weber moves to approve the septic plans with the qualifications stated above. Mr. West seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

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

August, 2022

- Dr. Carlos Perez continues to work with Atlantic Health System regarding continuance of health education activities to increase vaccination uptake and confidence.
- Mr. Weber asks about the Monkey Pox virus. Ms. Freer states that the Public Health Nurse indicates that infection rates are dropping based on contact awareness and changed behaviors. Monkey Pox is monitored in CDRSS.
- Assistant Health Officer provided guidance to Ms. Freer regarding residential odor complaint of two septic systems.
- No childhood lead cases observed in Mendham Township.
- The Health Education Field Representative created drought-watch flyers for municipalities to circulate via website and social media.
- Ms. Freer reviewed advanced wastewater system tracking sheet and reached out to service provider companies for updated contracts and last date-of-service form.
- Mr. Smith enquires about the status of Brookside Beach, its holding tank and upgrades to the bathroom that were discussed in 2021. Ms. Freer states that the septic is pumped by Peach Brothers and that a septic system being installed is questionable. Septic plans have not been developed.
- Mr. Smith asks what the next steps are for moving forward with a solution for a new septic system.
- Mr. Monaghan explains that there hasn't been much communication with regards to the septic system at Brookside Beach and that he will speak with the Township Administrator.
- Mr. Weber states that he would like a proposal from the Township, which maps out the plans for the septic system and what the standards are for satisfying the Townships requirements.
- Mr. Weber makes a motion to accept the Health Officer's Report for the month of August. Ms. Reale seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

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

SUCH MATTERS THAT MAY RIGHTFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Board of Health approval requested to revise Resolution 22-7: Irene Springs Tree Farm Project is being reduced from a 21-lot subdivision to 9 lots. Can we revise the Resolution so that it reflects the scope of the changes with the lot numbers?

Mr. Mills explains that the applicant is asking the Board to enter a resolution, which will reflect soil suitability for 9 lots, rather than the original request of 21 lots. The Board will request illustrations of the proposed subdivision maps with the revised 9 lots, each of which, will have had soil testing. The Board will consider the change to the subdivision project at its next meeting in October.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Smith acknowledges that there have been three separate odor complaints, from Mendham Township residents, who have the Ecoflo Advanced Wastewater Septic System. Mr. Smith explains that the residents have been in contact with the engineers, manufacturers and installers, to little or no avail. Mr. Smith would like to know what responsibility the Board of Health has to its residents who are having odor issues with their Ecoflo septic systems.

Mr. West and Mr. Weber state that this is a matter that should be taken up with the homeowner and the contractor/manufacturer. Ms. Freer explains that with advanced wastewater systems, it's required that a maintenance agreement is put in place and that inspections are performed every six months. Ms. Freer has been in touch with the homeowners, installers and the manufacturer maintenance company to work on a solution.

In further discussing the matter and how the Board can support homeowners, the following was suggested as a conditional of approval of the Ecoflo septic system:

1. Encourage applicants to read the product manual which references odors – why they may occur and who to contact for help identifying the problem.
2. Notice applicants of past odor issues with the Ecoflo septic system.
3. Applicant signs a waiver acknowledging that they've been informed of odor issues with the Ecoflo septic system.

Meeting Adjourned:

9:12 PM