

BOARD OF HEALTH – TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 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
Ms. Diane Tolley, Alternate 2

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Weber makes a motion to approve the minutes with the correction stated. Ms. Tolley seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Mr. Mitilenes
Mr. Weber
Ms. Tolley

NEW BUSINESS

BLOCK 107 LOT 29

APPLICANT: Estate of James Crammer, c/o Lisa Brown

APPLICATION: Alteration/Deviation from Standards – 19 Roxiticus Road – Careaga Engineering

- Robin Sellitto of Careaga Engineering is in attendance and is representing the homeowners of 19 Roxiticus Road. Ms. Sellitto explains that two variances are being sought - One for the distance from the disposal bed to the well and one for the distance from the disposal bed to the property line. The current dwelling has four bedrooms and the existing system is a cesspool. The applicant is proposing a 1000g septic tank to a disposal field. The disposal field will be 95.2 ft. off the well – requiring a 4.8 ft. variance. An ultraviolet light on the well is being proposed. Ms. Sellitto notified the neighbors, via certified mail, regarding the variance requested for the disposal field. Ms. Sellitto will file the certified letter with Ms. Parrinello in the Board of Health office.

- Mr. Weber asks how many feet of casing is on the well. Ms. Sellitto states that the well has 31ft. of casing and that is, in part, the reason for the ultraviolet light. Having an ultraviolet light will help kill any bacteria that may come through the water. Ms. Sellitto states that the ultraviolet light is placed on the line coming into the house.
- Ms. Tolley states that she will recuse herself from this project, as she's the realtor for the resale of the home – the home is currently under contract.
- Mr. Weber reviews the memos provided by Mr. Korshalla and Ms. Freer.
- Mr. Weber points out that Mr. Korshalla recommends clearly marking the rear property line prior to placing the silt fence. Ms. Sellitto states that they will have the disposal area staked out, along with the rear property line.
- Mr. Mitilenes asks if an ultraviolet light is a typical solution for this type of situation. Ms. Freer states, yes, and that's because the proposed system is better than what is there today (a cesspool), and that the DEP would approve. It's up to the Board to decide whether well casing should be added.
- Mr. Weber asks Ms. Sellitto if it's feasible to add casing to the well. Ms. Sellitto states that it would be difficult because the well is below grade. The well water is currently being tested and all testing will need to meet New Jersey State and Mendham Township standards for potability. If any of the results do not meet State and Township standards, those will need to be addressed prior to resale of the home.
- Ms. Sellitto states that the request for a 4.8 ft. variance is the most reasonable solution for this project.
- Ms. Freer explains that in N.J. Admin Code 7:9A, a separation distance requirement may be reduced to zero feet in cases where either of the following is provided to the administrative authority prior to obtaining a construction approval for the infringing septic system or its component: a notarized statement from the owner of the roadway or utility easement acknowledging that no subsurface utilities will be installed within that area; or a copy of a deed notice prepared in accordance with the New Jersey Recording Act.
- Mr. Weber makes a motion to approve the application as presented with the condition that the GP24 Wetlands Permit is obtained and that the rear property line is clearly staked out before placing the silt fence. Mr. Mitilenes seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES

Mr. Mitilenes

Mr. Weber

Ms. Tolley, Alternate 2, abstain

HEALTH OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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

January, 2023

- Dr. Carlos Perez, Health Officer, continues to participate in conference calls hosted by the NJ Department of Health relative to Covid-19, grant funding and RSV.

- Dr. Perez and Assistant Health Officer, Stephanie Gorman, submitted a NJDOH Enhancing Local Public Health Capacity grant application. The grant aims to improve communicable disease control capabilities, training opportunities, delivery, infrastructure, and staffing.
- Covid-19 cases have decreased. Between January 22, 2023 and February 18, 2023 only one case of covid-19 was reported in Mendham Township.
- Mr. Mitilenes points out that only tickborne illnesses are reported on the CDRSS and inquires as to why other communicable diseases are not sent to Mendham Township. Ms. Freer will follow up with the County public health nurse.
- Update on the unlicensed kennel: Ms. Freer states that the homeowner reached out to her and claims that the tenant is essentially operating a doggie daycare out of the cottage. Ms. Freer explains that a doggie daycare falls under the same licensing requirement as a kennel. Ms. Freer along with a Mendham Township police officer went to the property and left a notice, which states that an unlicensed doggie daycare is not permitted and, if there is one in operation, she (the tenant) would need to cease immediately and apply for a license. The notice was also sent certified mail to the P.O. Box that was provided by the homeowner and that the police officer confirmed. The tracking number for the certified letter indicates that the tenant has not yet claimed the mail.
- Because Ms. Freer hasn't seen any dogs, as of now, the complaints have not been verified and this continues to be a landlord/tenant issue. The eviction hearing is scheduled for March 9, 2023.
- Ms. Freer explains that the tenant is not easily accessible and is not cooperating, which is impeding the investigation, and unfortunately these circumstances are preventing the case from moving forward. Ms. Freer states that, with the lack of contact or access, it will be difficult to issue a summons.
- Ms. Parrinello sent a notice and an application for dog licensing to both the homeowner and the tenant, as both do not have their animals registered and licensed with the Township.
- Regarding the lead-based paint inspections in rental dwelling units, municipalities have until July 2024 to have plans put in place. Many municipalities are waiting for the model ordinance, which is currently under review or for more guidance from the Division of Community Affairs. Regulations require a permanent local agency that deals with construction and buildings regularly. This is up to the municipality to decide.
- Mr. Weber asks if there are any questions from the Board.
- Mr. Weber makes a motion to accept the health officers monthly report as presented. Ms. Tolley seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL – YES

Mr. Mitilenes

Mr. Weber

Ms. Tolley

ADJOURNMENT

8:24 PM

