

BOARD OF HEALTH – TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2020 – 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, 2020. 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 Kenneth West*

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF June 22, 2020 MINUTES

Mr. Mills moves to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Reale seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES – Dr. Goswami, Ms. Reale, Mr. Smith, Mr. Weber, Mr. West

BUSINESS:

BLOCK 131.01 LOT 1/04 – APPLICANT: PITNEY FARM DEVELOPMENT/ANATOL SIEMIENCZUK, 1 SAMUEL FARM DRIVE

APPLICATION: NEW SEPTIC CONSTRUCTION; ENGINEERING AND LAND PLANNING ASSOCIATES, INC. (E&LP)

- Representative of the engineering firm is unable to connect via Zoom.
- Mr. Mills states that the plans appear to be in compliance.
- Mr. Weber agrees with Mr. West in that the letters from Ms. Freer and Mr. Korshalla are helpful in that they verify the things that are needed, but they don't identify any questions or concerns for the Board.
- Mr. West moves that plans are approved as presented. Mr. Weber seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL: YES – Dr. Goswami, Ms. Reale, Mr. Smith, Mr. Weber, Mr. West

HEALTH OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT

June 2020, July 2020

Reviewed by Ms. Jacqueline Bourdony: Full reports are available in the Board of Health Office.

Ms. Bourdony explains that County Health educators continued to work on public service announcements and health education materials that were distributed. *Woodland Lake Pool was inspected on May 19, 2020 and that will be updated on the May monthly report.

June 2020 Summary of Monthly Report

- 3 septic applications were submitted, reviewed by the Board and approved.
- Soil logs were conducted at St. John the Baptist at 82 West Main Street. St. John the Baptist will be updating their septic system for the convent and for the retreat house.
- 22 Calais Road submitted a septic application. This application was approved and reviewed.
- Brookside Beach was inspected and they did pass inspection.

July 2020 Summary of Monthly Report

- 6 Kendall Court submitted a well application; it was approved and the well was installed.
- Food Inspections were conducted for Sammy's Ye Old Cider Mill and Mendham Golf and Tennis Club.
- Mendham Golf and Tennis Club hired a new head of kitchen. Every Monday they are doing a deep clean. There were minimal violations when inspected and when addressed all issues were taken care of immediately. Mendham Golf and Tennis Club are following executive orders and are incorporating more hand washing and sanitizing of work surfaces.
- The recreational bathing operational inspection was conducted for Woodland Lakes and Brookside Beach and both passed.
- Brookside Beach and Woodland Lakes bathing facilities were required to abide by state code for inspection and were encouraged and required to make a COVID-19 mitigation strategy plan that was reviewed and implemented. The plan included social distancing and employing someone to monitor social distancing and mask use.
- Jockey Hollow and Sunrise Lake opted not to open their pools for the 2020 summer season.
- Brookside Beach failed their biological tests, which required them to close twice. Warning signs were posted for the public. There is no local ordinance for a recreational bathing facility to close after the first failure. After a second failure, however, the facility must be closed.
- Brookside Engine to hold drive by clambake fundraiser on September 12. Limited menu.

- Backer Farm is hoping to put a brewery on site and is looking into local health and state approvals regarding their septic system and retail food licensing.
- Mr. West states that the local code could be a problem and that it's uncertain as to whether a farm can have a commercial operation.
- Mr. Mills explains that Backer Farm appeared before the County Agricultural Development Board and received an approval to operate the brewery notwithstanding the dedication of a portion of the property for farmland purposes. An operation of a brewery with 51% or greater of the barley grown locally would not violate the spirit of the easement over the farm preserve area. Backer Farm is working with the 'Right to Farm Act.' This may require an appearance before the Board of Adjustment.
- Total number of COVID-19 cases is at 45. Hospitals are planning to leave their conversions in place due to an anticipated second wave of COVID-19 in the fall.
- The CDC states that this coming flu season could be the worst yet and that it's highly recommended to get the flu vaccination.
- Dr. Goswami asks, with regards to children going back to school, is there any additional prep that the County is doing in anticipation of a second wave? Ms. Freer will get back with answers on this.
- Mr. West, Mr. Weber and Dr. Goswami ask the following:
 - a. What is the status of COVID-19 testing in Morris County?
 - b. Where can people get tests?
 - c. Are we keeping up with demand?
- Ms. Bourdony and Ms. Reale explain that on the County website there is a list of County testing sites with information on types of testing, fees and appointments. The location of the testing site will determine what is required from the patient.
- Ms. Bourdony states that she needs flu vaccination clinic dates for 2020.
- Mr. West states that he received a letter from Mr. Monaghan indicating that the cost of the flu shot will increase.
- Mr. Monaghan explains that due to COVID-19, the VNA will not host the flu clinic this year, rather a clinic out of Morris Plains will be hosting. Mr. Monaghan notes that the Department of Health should move forward with their implementation plan for the flu clinic, if that's what the Board would like.
- Mr. Weber says we should continue with the flu clinic and to have two dates available to residents.
- Mr. West suggests that one of the two days should be a weekend day such as a Saturday and Ms. Reale suggests an early evening weeknight.
- Dr. Goswami asks if we have a link to the County testing sites on our website?
- Ms. Parrinello responds that we can have that linked under the Board of Health section of the website.
- Mr. Smith asks, whom does the Board of Health pay for (for flu shots) and what do we anticipate those costs to be? Mr. West explains that for those that don't have insurance and are under 65, they will pay the fee and those with Medicare aren't charged.
- Mr. Monaghan states that Mr. Perez reached out to him with regards to the budget and the extra charge for the vaccine. Township employees and first responders, in

the past, have received the flu vaccine for free. Residents use their insurance or Medicare card. Mr. Monaghan will reach out to Ms. Fornaro to find out where payment will come from for Township employees and first responders.

- Ms. Reale asks if the high vaccine dose will be available for ages 65 and older. Ms. Bourdony will reach out to Ms. Bella, the public health nurse at the County, for confirmation with regards to types of vaccination doses.
- Ms. Reale asks about the risk 3 classification for the Golf Club – the reports reflect a satisfactory rating, but then has a risk 3 marking.
- Ms. Bourdony explains that the Club is a risk 3 because the food is cooked in the morning and there is a change in food temperature due to refrigeration or freezing and then recooking. For example, soup is cooked in the morning, but is not served until later.
- Mr. West asks the Board if there are any more questions for Ms. Bourdony.
- Mr. West moves that we accept the June and July 2020 reports. Mr. Weber 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

- Mr. West speaks to signage and of the examples for signage that Ms. Parrinello has sent the Board for review.
- Mr. Weber states that the graphics that Ms. Parrinello sent today would need to be adjusted so that they reflect what is on our County and local health department websites.
- Mr. West states that in addition to the COVID-19 health protocols (wash hands, wear a mask, social distance, stay home if you're sick.) that an additional graphic relating to disposal of PPE be included on the signage.
- Mr. Weber states that in the minutes of our last meeting, one of the suggestions for the material that we create for the Township was to increase awareness or to remind people of proper disposal of PPE.
- Mr. West would like the banner image to also be on individual lawn signs.
- Mr. Weber asks who would be creating the graphic?
- Ms. Parrinello volunteers to have Mr. Parrinello create the graphics for the Board of Health banner.
- Mr. West asks if the Board is comfortable having a design document distributed via email to the Board for review? Mr. West asks Mr. Mills, if the review of the document would fall under an open meeting? Would a discussion of a sign be something that the public should be privy to?
- Mr. Mills explains the Open Public Meetings Act, in that anytime there is a quorum present, a notice for a meeting should be made public.
- Mr. Weber states that two people should be designated for the review of the document.
- Mr. West nominates Mr. Weber and Ms. Reale for the review of the design for the banner and Mr. Weber and Ms. Reale agree to review the banner.

- Mr. West states that lawn signs are as equally important as the banner and would like it if each Board member was provided two lawn signs.
- Mr. West asks, who will print and pay for the banner? Ms. Parrinello explains that the County provides a printing service and that the Township will pay for the expenses related to the production of the banner.
- Mr. West asks if the Township will pay for lawn signs? Ms. Parrinello will confirm with Ms. Freer.
- Mr. West asks if the Board has anything further to discuss.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:21 PM