

BOARD OF HEALTH – TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
MEETING MINUTES
November 23, 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 Benjamin Weber*

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF August 24, 2020 MINUTES

Mr. Weber suggests that because the monthly reports serve as part of the record, that we could dispense of repetitive items in the meeting minutes, as long as the minutes adequately describe what transpired in the Board of Health meeting.

Ms. Reale motions to approve the minutes as amended. Dr. Goswami seconds the motion.

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

BUSINESS:

BLOCK 100 LOT 82

APPLICANT: Domenick Caruso

APPLICATION: New Septic Construction – 14 Carriage Hill Drive – Apgar Associates (Septic); D2A Architecture and Design (Architecture)

- Representative of Apgar Associates is unable to connect via Zoom.
- Mr. Mills confirms that memos from Maser Consulting and Morris County have been received.
- Mr. Weber states that he is unclear about Mr. Korshalla’s memo to remove trees – whether that needs to be added to the plan or whether it is simply stating that it is already part of the plan.

- Mr. Mills suspects that Mr. Korshalla would like that added to ensure that it's part of the plan.
- Mr. Weber explains that the inability to connect via Zoom for our consultants happened at the August Board of Health meeting and that perhaps Ms. Parrinello can work to ensure that our consultants are able to connect on Zoom prior to the start of the meetings.
- Mr. Paul Fox, design engineer of Apgar Associates connects to the Zoom meeting.
- Mr. Fox introduces himself to the Board and explains that his firm represents the applicant who is applying for permission to build a new home associated with the septic system on a currently vacant property in Mendham Township.
- Mr. Weber explains to Mr. Fox that the County consulting report is okay with the application and that Maser Consulting gave some comments regarding the soil log and the note to remove trees within 10 ft. of the property.
- Mr. Fox confirms that soil logs are provided on sheet three of the plans and that Mr. Korshalla has been made aware of that and has confirmed that it's acceptable the way it's presented.
- Mr. Fox states that the note to remove trees within 10 ft. of the property is there (on the septic plan).
- Mr. Weber makes a motion to approve the plans as they've been submitted. Ms. Reale seconds the motion.

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

HEALTH OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT

August 2020, September 2020, October 2020

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

Ms. Bourdony explains that the County Health Officer and Nursing Staff continue to direct efforts towards COVID-19. Health education continues to work on mask-wearing as a public education campaign for prevention.

- Mr. Weber asks, if there's any background or updates that can be provided with regards to the September Health Report, Section II, Public Health Nursing Services, Category B, Communicable Disease Surveillance Control? There are 19 cases and prior to that only 1 case was reported.
- Ms. Bourdony will confirm with the nurses as to what communicable diseases these are.
- Mr. Weber explains that it looks like the numbers have been bouncing around and would like to understand more on this and if the Board of Health should be taking more of an interest with this.
- Ms. Bourdony explains that Saint Marguerite's Retreat House was not inspected because they stated that they were not operating for the remainder of 2020. When considering a religious retreat, the County required a COVID-19 plan of them and the

Community decided not to hold the retreat because they didn't feel it would be cost effective at this time.

- Mr. Weber asks, what are the components of an acceptable COVID-19 plan? What needs to happen in order to have a plan cleared?
- Ms. Bourdony states that she will ask Ms. Freer for specifics with regards to the COVID-19 plan for events.
- Mr. Smith asks if a template is given for businesses to layout their COVID-19 plan? Ms. Bourdony will inquire with Ms. Freer and they will send answers out on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

COVID-19 updates:

- Ms. Bourdony states that, as of November 16, 2020, Mendham Township has 78 confirmed cases. COVID -19 numbers can be tracked on Morris County's webpage.
- Ms. Bourdony explains that Morris County is finalizing an agreement with a provider to offer home-testing saliva kits. These tests would be available to County residents and to those employed by the County. Mobile testing is also being planned and once that's finalized, all municipalities will be informed.
- Mr. Weber asks, in terms of the COVID-19 confirmed case list, what has to happen in order for a case to come off of that list? Is there an effort to know when someone is no longer supposed to be on the list? How does follow up work if the person doesn't come back? Ms. Bourdony will confirm with the public health nurses at the County.
- Dr. Goswami says, that this (COVID-19) is a cumulative number. Dr. Goswami asks about the fluctuation of the numbers and how those cases are factored in?
- Ms. Reale states that they are recommending an additional COVID-19 test on day 10 or 11. If the person is still positive, they are required to continue with quarantine.
- Mr. Weber states that he is trying to understand if the system is set up so that once an individual tests positive, the individual is then followed up with until the test results are negative.
- Dr. Goswami asks Ms. Bourdony about Contact Tracing in Morris County.
- Ms. Bourdony explains that calls are not being returned, phone aren't picked up, and individuals are not giving information.
- Mr. Smith asks Ms. Bourdony, if the County is permitted to leave a detailed voicemail on an answering machine?
- Ms. Bourdony states that HIPPA requirements prevents them from leaving detailed messages.
- Mr. Smith asks if individuals are testing positive with COVID-19 twice? Ms. Bourdony will confirm with the public health nurses.
- Dr. Goswami asks about residents who have been in a restaurant that they may have been exposed at and how that's being handled?
- Ms. Bourdony explains that they would ask the restaurant for a list of people that worked that day and then they would touch base with those individuals about exposure.
- Dr. Goswami asks if businesses become aware of an individual(s) who have been infected, are they required to close down for a period of time? Ms. Bourdony states that she does not know the protocol on that.

- Mr. Weber asks of the efficacy of the less intrusive saliva tests. Ms. Bourdony will confirm answers with the public health nurses.
- Mr. Weber motions to accept the health officers reports for August, September, and October 2020. Mr. Smith seconds the motion.

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

SUCH MATTERS THAT MAY RIGHTFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD
The Board of Health will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm