

Minutes of Regular Session

Lynnfield Board of Health

Thursday, November 16, 2024 – 5:30pm.

The Merritt Media Center, Market Street.

Present

Dr. Roco Iocco - Chair

Dr. Gail Link McCausland -Vice Chair

Coral Hope - Director, Health Department

Maria Welsh - Recording Clerk

Attendees

Stephen Fantone - 340 Summer Street, Lynnfield MA

Elizabeth Fantone -340 Summer Street, Lynnfield MA

Stephen Fantone - 324 Summer Street, Lynnfield MA

Peter Blaisdell - Engineer for Williams & Sparages

1. **Regular Meeting Session of the BOH Called to Order:** 5:27pm

2. **Minutes of Thursday, October 19, 2023 BOH Meeting :** Approved 2:0

3. **385 Summer Street** – The property is a vacant lot with a failed system that is a cesspool. There is a proposed addition to be added creating a difference of 41ft. Also, there is a Purchase and Sales agreement pending the approval of a new septic system installation. The proposed system is a pipe and stone that will be located less than 100 ft to the tributary leading to Lynn Water Supply. Coral and Richard Daw, the Water Commissioner for Lynn Water Supply, feel that the installation of an impervious barrier would not be sufficient here to protect the water supply. Set backs will be approved, but a more beneficial system will have to be installed to allow for better tributary protection.

A Presby System, which is a septic system that treats septic tank effluent in a manner that prevents suspended solids from sealing the underlying soil, increases system aeration, and provides a greater bacterial treatment area (“biomat”) than traditional systems, is recommended here.

Williams & Sparages is requesting the following variance for 385 Summer Street, Lynnfield MA.

1. In accordance with 310 CMR 15.405 (1) (g), A reduction in the required 100 ft of separation between the soil absorption system and a wetland bordering a tributary to surface water supply to 51.7 ft.

Dr. Iocco asks if there would be an increase in size of the new system, and if Conservation Commission has been involved in this. Coral and Peter Blaisdell confirm that this request will be coming before ConCom very soon. The Fantones confirm that taking care of the wetlands would be a priority to them and has been for the last 30 years.

Both Dr. McCausland and Dr Iocco reach an agreement and accept the variance request, requiring a Presby System be installed. Dr. Iocco Makes motion to approve variance request: Motion passes 2:0

Director's Notes: Communicable Diseases / Covid-19 / Flu.

Coral begins by explaining that withing the last four weeks there were 24 COVID-19 cases and 1 of each Flu A and B cases and that the Health Department continues to have free COVID test kits available and Naloxone kits to Lynnfield residents.

Coral presents a SAMBOX or Naloxone rescue box, (used in case of overdose) and explains how to operate each piece of the kit to the Board. Coral also says that in January, 2024, the state will be asking school Nurses to keep SAMBOXES in their offices.

Karen Cronin continues to hold blood pressure checks at the Senior Center, and office hours at the Health Department on Wednesdays. The vaccination clinics for FLU, COVID, RSV and SHINGLES have been completed, with over 200 Lynnfield residents receiving vaccinations.

Coral addresses a questionnaire that went out to town residents regarding the state granted opioid funds and how residents feel in general about them. 31 responses proved that the town having a Social Worker and SAMBOXES were at the top of the list, which is where the finds were planned to be used. The questionnaire will be on the town website, and newspaper sometime again.

Lastly, Town Hall will be closed on Fridays for packing purposes and move out day is scheduled for Monday November 27th, 2023.

Dr. Iocco calls meeting adjourned at 6:20. The Lynnfield Health Department and its Board members wish all a happy and safe holiday season.