

BOARD OF HEALTH - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
June 25, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **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 both the DAILY RECORD and the OBSERVER TRIBUNE on January 12, 2018. Notice was filed with the Township Clerk, and notice was posted on the bulletin board in Township Hall on January 12, 2018.”

3. **ROLL CALL** –Mrs. Desbiens, Mr. Weber, Mr. West.
Mr. Robert Correale attending for Mr. Mills.

4. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

5. **APPROVAL OF APRIL 30th MINUTES.** There was a question as to the ‘wheel cleaning blanket’ highlighted portion and it was concluded that the wording was acceptable. Mr. West moves to approve the minutes. Mr. Weber seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE –Mrs. Desbiens, Mr. Weber, Mr. West.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. BLOCK 130 LOT 8.03 – 1 Buddy Lane

APPLICANT: AM/PM Construction, Greg Yannacone

APPLICATION: New Well Application.

- Mr. Yannacone explained they have previously appeared before the Board for the septic for this property, and there is currently city water available at the address. It has come to their attention that there is a moratorium on digging the road for the water due to recent paving of the road; they will now have to drill a well.
- Mr. Yannacone stated the well is 76ft from the septic, and they will increase the casing of the well to 76ft as per DEP requirements. Mr. West questioned the well location in relation to the neighbor, and Mr. Yannacone showed he is at least 75ft from that neighbor.
- Mr. Weber pointed out the neighbor on the left of the property appeared to be closer; upon further inspection from Mr. Yannacone, he agreed it is 68ft, and will move the well to be 75ft from the sideline.
- Mr. Yannacone agreed to scale the well casing to 80ft just to be safe. They will also stake out the plan to be sure everything is correct.

Ms. Freer has no additional comments; no comments from the public.

Mr. West stated they will approve the plans, based on the shift of the well to the West 8ft, and increase the casing to 80ft.

Mr. West moves to approve the plan. Mr. Weber seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes Mrs. Desbiens, Mr. Weber, Mr. West.

B. BLOCK 130 LOT 18 - 42 Woodland Road

APPLICANT: Careaga Engineering

APPLICATION: Alteration with Variances

- Robin Sellitto from Careaga Engineering appearing for the homeowner prior to the sale of the home. There is an existing cesspool on the front of the property from when the house was built.
- They are here for two variances: the distance of the proposed seepage pits to the neighbor's well, and the location of the seepage pit and distance to the other neighbor's property line.
- They are proposing a pre-treatment system as well as a UV disinfectant light on to the pre-treatment system. The septic regulations call for 150ft, they are 112.1 and the existing is 126.9. The well is right on the property line; the well was drilled in 1979. They were 100ft from both septic systems at the time of installation. Ms. Sellitto explained that the property elevation will not allow machinery in the back of the property. They are only 10ft off the property line for the seepage pits; requirements are for 20ft. The seepage pit is 15ft from the dwelling, requiring a 35ft variance. They will use a liner reinforcement for the pit. Mr. West asked how deep the existing cesspool is; there is no record for that. He questioned the depth of the proposed pit; Ms. Sellitto explained the pit will be 3ft deep.
- She did notify both neighbors of the plans. Mr. Weber asks why they cannot go closer to the driveway; Ms. Sellitto explained they would be even closer to the neighbor's well. She stated there is currently no tank in front of the cesspool. Mr. West asked for the elevation of the well; she explained it actually goes up and the property goes straight up hill.
- Ms. Sellitto provided photos which Mr. Correale requested be named by exhibit (A-1, A-2). She then described each of the photos to the Board, standing from the front of the house, looking up the slope of the backyard.
- Ms. Freer referenced her review letter, commenting the State code allows these situations if it improves what is currently there. This plan is better than a cesspool, and the advanced wastewater with the UV light will diminish the bacteria entering the system. Ms. Sellitto showed on the notes of the plan where the maintenance agreement is required. Mr. West mentioned city water is also available at that location.
- Mr. West opens comments to the public; Mr. Jesse Smith, 2 Woodland Rd. asked about the abandonment of the existing cesspool. Ms. Sellitto explained that since the new pits will go in the area of the old cesspool, it will have to be dug out and removed. Typically, pit would be buried on site, but there is no room on this property to do that.

- Mr. West asked where the soil is taken to; she explained it depends on the property.
- Mr. Smith asked about the process is for a power failure; Ms. Sellitto explained there is a reserve, however most people will use a generator to get the waste out to the disposal area. Many of the systems have alarms, which are on Wi-Fi for backup, and the service contractor is notified of a problem. Discussion ensues on the possible problems with power outages and septic.

Mr. West moves approval as presented; Mr. Weber seconds.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes Mrs. Desbiens, Mr. Weber, Mr. West

8. HEALTH OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Ms. Freer review the report for April & May 2018.

Copies of all Monthly Reports can be viewed in the Health Department.

9. SUCH MATTERS THAT MAY RIGHTFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

10. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

11. ADJOURNMENT