

Ware Board of Health Meeting

October 20, 2021 Hybrid Meeting / Conference Room

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Meeting ID: 813 1593 2050
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Present: Jennifer McMartin, Katrina Velle, John Desmond

In Attendance: Stephen Bell, Betty Barlow, David & Debra Poppel and Alan Weiss & Sai Palani via Zoom

John called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Betty Announced the meeting is being audio recorded

APPOINTMENT

Property owners David & Debra Poppel and engineer Alan Weiss are present to request a LUA for a new well at 79 Beaver Road. Offset to the lake is 100' + for new well and 80' for water line to house. Offset from proposed private wells less than 100' to adjacent septic leach area are 82' from house # 83, 77' from house # 82 and 62' from onsite at #79. Owners submitted written approval from Mark Sinclair of 82 Beaver Road and Walter Wilke of 83 Beaver Road. Both engineer and well driller finds the proposed site of new well to be the best option. John Desmond suggested annual water testing at these sights which owners state this was already in their plans. John also expresses concerns of how close the new well would be to the road due to possible road salt and gasoline from an auto accident however owners understand his concerns however a new drilled well with casings would limit this compared to the existing shallow well. John motions to approve the LUA as 79 Beaver Road, Jennifer seconded, all in favor.

Hearing regarding ongoing housing code violations at 95 Maple Street, Apt 2 owned by Michelle Owens, tenant Marc Courchesne. Hearing notification was mailed to both owner and occupant on October 13, 2021 however neither owner or occupant are present for this hearing. After a brief discussion the board unanimously agree Stephen's next step should be housing court. The board also suggested Stephen update the policy for housing inspections and referrals to other departments and follow up steps. Stephen will also talk to Stuart about funding for Clean & liens for nuisances.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Stephen gave board an update on covid. Numbers are trending down and the positive testing rate is almost half of previous rate. There were 46 cases in the previous reporting period, but 27 cases in the most recent. The daily incidence rate dropped from 32.3 to 19, and the percent positivity dropped from 4.36% to 2.72%. Vaccination rate for town is 57% with seniors highest and teens at 43%. Katrina stated UMass Amherst still has Ware in community plan and has grab & go testing sets available at Campus Health Services. The school has extended the end date for mask mandate however the BoH

mandate overrides this and does not have an end date on the mandate so their mandate will go on until board decides to lift it.

- John motioned to approve meeting minutes of September 15, 2021, Katrina seconded, all in favor.
- Board members signed DSCP # 21- 32 Tank Replacement at 178 Greenwich Plains Road for Interbartolo & Ricupero Limited Partnership, designed by Robert LeMaitre
- Board members signed DSCP # 21- 33 Tank & D-box Replacement at 171 Upper Church Street for Interbartolo & Ricupero Limited Partnership, designed by Robert LeMaitre

John motioned to adjourned at 6:57PM, Jennifer seconded all in favor. Next meeting to be November 17, 2021 at 6:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Barlow

Meeting minutes approved 11/17/2021