

## Ware Board of Health Meeting

June 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm Via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 965 5156 7573

Passcode: 781280

Present: Jennifer McMartin, Katrina Velle, John Desmond

In Attendance: Stephen Bell, Betty Barlow

John called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

### DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Stephen updated the board on his attending the Selectmen's meeting Tuesday June 15, 2021. At the BoS meeting he informed the board of the current covid statistics showing Ware still being behind much of the state and the upcoming vaccination clinic the BoH will be holding on Wednesday June 23 5pm – 7pm in the Town Hall auditorium which is open to the public and though we prefer pre-registering, walk-ins are welcome. At the BoS meeting Stephen also told board of the soft opening of the senior center is happening similar as other towns are doing in an effort to keep covid numbers down. Stephen also updated the BoH of the upcoming clinic which is posted in the Ware River News, Ware Community TV and on Ware's Face Book page. Jennifer also suggested using the roadside electric light DPW uses for roadwork. There will also be an ad running in Ware River News and Sentinel regarding the importance of getting the vaccine. Katrina shared a link showing the facts for the vaccines. The board also discussed the variances of covid, Stephen informed them of the Delta variance but if already vaccinated then symptoms probably will not be as severe.

*At this point Betty lost internet connection and was unable to return to meeting. The following minutes are written by Stephen.*

- The board reviewed the application for a new construction septic permit at Lot W Coffey Hill Road (19-0-47) for Coffey Hill Properties LLC, designed by Neil Jackson of J&P Engineering Services. Stephen informed the board of this being a relatively straight forward new construction with no variances and meeting all setbacks and offsets. The board asked for Stephen's comments on the new construction septic plan. He explained that he had reviewed it and had no problems. Katrina asked Stephen to explain reasons that would cause him to want to reject a septic plan. He described some of the main things that would disqualify a plan: not meeting setbacks, not meeting groundwater offset, or other various issues that violate Title 5. The board decided that the plan was OK and Katrina offered to get in touch with Betty to say it's OK to use her stamp for the signature. They didn't motion or vote on this.
- The board had a briefly discussed the next meeting. John wants to start having the meetings in person again, but Jennifer was strongly against it and Katrina said she preferred virtual meetings. Stephen suggested a hybrid meeting

modeled after what the select board does for their meetings. John was concerned that the public would have a hard time attending meetings if they continue to be virtual. Stephen explained that the state had extended temporary suspension of the provisions in the open meeting law, authorizing public bodies to hold public meetings entirely virtually. The conclusion was that a hybrid meeting seemed like the best way to go.

- John Desmond wanted to know if we could be giving information about septic systems out to the homeowners. Stephen explained in the meeting that we usually don't ever meet the homeowners, and that it's really up to the engineer to educate their clients about proper care of their septic systems. Depending on the engineer, Stephen could even see them being a little offended if we stepped into that client/engineer relationship and gave an informational sheet to the homeowner. Stephen told John he'd ask if Betty has any info on it, since he said the department used to have something like this.
- John motioned to approve meeting minutes of May 25, 2021, Katrina seconded, all in favor.

Meeting ended at 6:41PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Barlow

Meeting minutes approved July 21, 2021