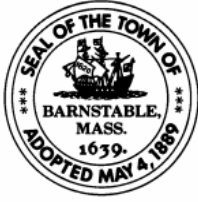


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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:00 PM

James H. Crocker Jr. Hearing Room, Town Hall

367 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Hyannis, MA

A regularly scheduled and duly posted meeting of the Barnstable Board of Health was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by John Norman, Chair. Also in attendance were Board Members Thomas Lee, Vice Chair, Donald Guadagnoli, M.D, Daniel Luczkow, M.D, and Paul Canniff, D.M.D. Stephen Waller, M.D, Alternate, was not able to attend. Thomas McKean, Director of Public Health, and Sharon Crocker, Administrative Assistant, were present.

I. Secondary Treatment Unit (S.T.U.): with Variance.

Michael Pimentel, JC Engineering, representing Ronald Schloerb, owner – 46 Route 149, Marstons Mills, Map/Parcel 077-024, 12,196 square feet parcel, proposing to install a MicroFast (model 0.5) to replace the failed existing 3 bedroom septic system, requesting multiple variances.

Michael Pimentel presented the plan to the Board with the setback variances to wetlands from the components. When an inquiry came up regarding whether a two compartment tank is needed, Mr. Pimentel stated the MicroFast does not allow for a two compartment tank. It requires only a single tank as this is how it works best.

Mr. Lee stated the Conservation Commission approved this and is eager to see the MicroFast system installed.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Guadagnoli, seconded by Dr. Luczkow, the Board voted to grant the variances as submitted. (Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained-Dr. Canniff).

II. Food – Temporary Event:

Erica Tso Haidas, The Arts and Justice Collective, is requesting a temporary food permit for their event “Lunar New Year Celebrations” to be held at 529 Main Street, Hyannis, on Saturday, February 3rd from 11:00-2:00 pm

Erica Tso Haidas was present and described the free event setup. Last year was only packaged food. They are bringing in hot food this year. The menu will be: pan-fried dumplings and spring rolls cooked at Golden Fountain.

Mr. McKean said staff had no issues.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Dr. Guadagnoli, the Board voted to grant the temporary food event. (Unanimously, voted in favor.)

III. Regulation/Policies:

Policy – “Temporary Holding Tanks at Locations Where Public Sewer Will Be Provided in the Near Future (within Three to Four Years)”.

Will be changed to Proposed Policy: “Continued Septic Tank Use Approved Policy”

Mr. Norman said that Mr. Lee has worked diligently with MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) hoping to persuade MA DEP to allow ‘Holding Tanks’ in specific situations for owners during this transitional period to sewer. It does not make sense to require owners to install a new septic system just prior to going onto sewer. Unfortunately, the Board did not receive the cooperation from MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), as hoped for.

Mr. McKean suggested the proposed policy as a way to bridge the gap between the “failed” septic and the connection to sewer when within a short period of time (two or three years). An example of when this might occur would be due to a real estate transaction which prompts a septic inspection. A septic system which is not Title V compliant automatically receives a “failed” status. The normal procedure would be to require the owner to install a new system within six months. Also, any time a septic system is pumped more than four times in a year, the system is considered “In Failure” and must be replaced. This proposed policy would allow those owners who are within a short period of time in connecting to sewer, to pump their system as frequently as needed to prevent any overflow and backup to house.

Mr. Norman said this is the first draft and wanted to inform the public of the proposal. The Board is working very hard to work with the public and to understand the financial burden that will be put on our residents. A public hearing will be put on for the next Board meeting, February 27, 2024, with discussion of any minor changes, and a possible vote at that time.

IV. Minutes:

Minutes – November 28, 2023 and December 19, 2023

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to adopt the minutes for November 28, 2023 and December 19, 2023. (Unanimously, voted in favor.)

Meeting Adjourned – 3:20pm