

**Weston Board of Health**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 8, 2020**  
**4:00pm-6:00pm**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9328937943>  
Meeting ID: 932 893 7943

Present: Laura Azzam, Chair  
Dr. David Kominz, Member  
Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro, Member  
Wendy Diotalevi, R.S., Public Health Director  
Beth Ann Boles, R.S., Health Agent  
Michele Schuckel, R.N., COVID-19 Response Team Public Health Nurse

Others: Jay Thrasher, P.E., Robial Water LTD Engineering Services  
Michael Daly, Owner of 71 Concord Rd

**I. 4:15pm: Hearing: 71 Concord Road**

Jay Thrasher, P.E. of Robial Water LTD came before the Board to discuss a septic issue at 71 Concord Rd that will eventually require a variance request to Title 5 from the Board at a future BOH meeting. Mr. Thrasher is here this afternoon to inform the Board of the history of this project and how the issue was discovered, and looking for guidance as how the Board would like to proceed since the new system has already been constructed and a Certificate of Compliance cannot be issued until this situation is resolved.

Mr. Thrasher informed the Board that the septic system originally was a failing cesspool and was recently upgraded in August 2019 for a 5-bedroom house which was designed to accommodate a garbage grinder. The owners were looking to move forward with a proposed garage renovation this past spring, and once surveyed, it was found that part of the leach field is located in the 25ft wetland buffer that is hydraulically connected to a tributary to the Cambridge Water Supply. It was noted that the failed cesspool had once been within 50ft of this buffer. Claire Golden at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) had been notified and her council has no way to offer a variance for the property as it has already been built and now it's up to the local BOH. The Conservation Commission is looking for the Board of Health to issue a Certificate of Compliance, but without the Variance approved, one cannot be issued yet.

Jamie O'Connell from the City of Cambridge Water Department had been notified and requested that a review of the septic system design be conducted to see what the impacts are and how to minimize them. Kleinfelder out of Boston was hired to do this review and found that by using alternative technology or relocating the system all together would be "costly and disruptive" and suggested along with Mr. Thrasher that providing a deed restriction to prohibit the use of a garbage grinder, conduct a Title 5 Inspection within a year of use, pump every three years and then a Title 5 Inspection every 5 years as an alternative would be agreeable rather than relocating the system. Mr. Thrasher indicated that there is no other location for the system and agreed with Kleinfelder's report, however he suggests requiring pumping of the tank every year and having a Title 5 Inspection annually.

Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro and Dr. Kominz agree with Mr. Thrasher's proposal to pump every year and leave the septic system in place. Ms. Diotalevi informed Mr. Thrasher to

make a formal variance request for a hearing at the next Board of Health meeting including the proposal for the garbage grinder deed restriction, annual pumping and annual Title 5 Inspection. Abutters are to be notified of the meeting, date and time and the variance sought after for the property. Property owner Michael Daly joined the meeting late and informed the Board that he agrees with Mr. Thrasher's proposal.

II. **Director's Report – COVID-19 Update**

Public Health Director Wendy Diotalevi updated the Board that this Thursday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> the Weston Emergency Reserve Corps (WERC) will be meeting virtually to discuss the upcoming Flu clinic set-up. Indoor and a drive-through set-ups are being discussed.

COVID-19 Public Health Nurse Michele Schuckel updated the Board that the schools are doing well and she is working with them. Jamy Gaynor is the new Director of Health Services for the Weston Public Schools and she and Wendy will discuss with her if the school nurses will continue to help with contact tracing of students/staff or not.

There are currently 6 positive cases of COVID in Weston. Most cases are resolved or have changed jurisdictions. There still is no community spread.

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 4:00PM (Zoom Meeting)

III. **Adjourn**