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**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, October 7, 2019**

**ATTENDEES:** Joan Searl, RN, Chairwoman  
Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Member  
Michael Meagher, Member  
Deborah Ketchen, Health Agent (Absent)  
Claire Walsh, RN, Public Health Nurse  
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

Meeting Open: 6:32 PM

**AGENDA:**

First agenda item is 483 Main St., 1 variance request. John Tilton, PE, Williams & Sparages, 189 North Main St., Middleton, MA was in attendance to discuss the specifics of the variance with the Board. John said the property owner intends to sell the property and the existing system is very old. John told the Board the only variance needed is a reduction to groundwater as follows;

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 310CMR15.405(1)(h), A REDUCTION OF THE REQUIRED 5 FOOT SEPARATION BETWEEN THE BOTTOM OF THE LEACHING FIELD AND ESTIMATED SEASONAL HIGH GROUND WATER IS BEING REQUESTED TO BE REDUCED TO 4.1 FEET.

Searl made a motion to approve one (1) variance request for 483 Main St., Meagher seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Next on the agenda is 9 Merritt Ave., 2 variance requests. Jim Scanlan, PE, Scanlan Engineering, LLC, Georgetown, MA was in attendance to discuss the variances with the Board. Jim told the Board that this is a 4 bedroom dwelling and the septic system is currently in trouble. Jim said he is proposing a new system including a new septic tank, a pump chamber and leaching area comprised of Presby Enviro-Septic pipes. Jim said the first variance is reduction to groundwater and the second variance is the separation between groundwater and tank inverts;

1. REGULATION: 310CMR15.212(1), REQUIRED: 4 FT TO ESHGW PERC > 2 MIN/IN, PROVIDED: 2 FT TO ESHGW W/PRESBY ENVIRO-SEPTIC PIPE
2. REGULATION: 310CMR15.227(5), REQUIRED: LOCATE PUMP CHAMBER INLET & OUTLET INVERTS 12" ABOVE ESHGW,

**PROVIDED: INVERTS < 12" ABOVE ESHGW INSTALLED WITH RUBBER BOOTS**

Searl made a motion to approve two (2) variance requests for 9 Merritt Ave., Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Next agenda item is 33 Seven Star Rd., 2 variance requests. Searl recused herself because this is her property. Jim Scanlan said this is a 4 bedroom dwelling and the system is old. Jim said he is proposing a new septic tank which will flow down into a pump chamber which will pump under the driveway to a leach area consisting of Presby Enviro-Septic pipes. Jim said a retaining wall will have to be installed, however, the highest section of the wall will be in the back facing the detached garage. Jim said this is the best location because there is not enough room between the house and the street to put a system. The variances requested are;

1. REGULATION: 310CMR15.212(1), REQUIRED: 4 FT TO ESHGW PERC > 2 MIN/IN, PROVIDED: 2 FT TO ESHGW W/PRESBY SYSTEM
2. REGULATION: 310CMR15.227(5), REQUIRED: LOCATE PUMP CHAMBER INLET & OUTLET INVERTS 12" ABOVE ESHGW, PROVIDED: INVERTS < 12" ABOVE ESHGW INSTALLED WITH RUBBER BOOTS

Meagher made a motion to approve two (2) variance requests for 33 Seven Star Rd., Kadar-Hull seconded and it was voted 2-0. Searl abstained.

Fourth agenda item is health agent resignation/job description. The Board reviewed several sample health agent/inspector job descriptions given to them by the Personnel Director. Searl said she would come in the office Tuesday and explain to Lori the excerpts, additions, qualifications that the Board wants so that Lori can compile into a draft that the Board can review and finalize at the next Board meeting. The Board said that they received Deborah Ketchen's resignation letter which stated her last day of employment will be October 10<sup>th</sup>. Searl made a motion to accept health agent Deborah Ketchen's resignation effective October 10, 2019, Meagher seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Next agenda item is public health nurse update. Claire told the Board she held the first scheduled flu clinic this morning at 9 AM in conjunction with the pharmacist at Walgreens. Claire said fifteen (15) people received flu shots. Claire told the Board that she was upset because the pharmacist did not have any high dose flu vaccine for people 65+. Claire told the Board the pharmacist told her there is a

nationwide shortage of the high dose flu vaccine and she hopes to get a shipment in a couple of weeks. The Board asked Claire to schedule one or preferably two flu clinics for November with the hope of having the high dose vaccine. Searl and Kadar-Hull asked Claire to schedule the November clinics with Rite Aid considering the scheduling difficulties she encountered with Walgreens.

Next on the agenda is the vaping ban. The Board discussed Governor Baker's vaping product ban that he declared on September 24, 2019 and reviewed guidelines for Boards of Health. Searl made a motion to have the signage provided by the state posted at Groveland retailers and to have board member Meagher do periodic inspections for compliance, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Last, the Board reviewed meeting minutes of August 6, 2019. Searl made a motion to approve meeting minutes of August 6, 2019, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was voted 2-0. Meagher abstained, he was not present.

Meeting adjourned: 7:57 PM

Next Board of Health meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.