

Lincoln Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Donaldson Room, Town Offices

Members Present: Frederick Mansfield, MD
Steven Kanner, MD
Patricia Miller

Others Present: Stan Sosnicki, Asst. Public Health Director and Elaine Carroll, Adm. Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The next scheduled meetings will be on April 24, 2019 in the Donaldson Room. Steven Kanner made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2019 meeting as written. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Septic Review:

162 South Great Road – Tom O’Driscoll of ABC Cesspool came before the members to request one variance and 1 local upgrade from the Board of Health regulations as follows:

- (1) 310 CMR 15.227 to allow the tank piping to be less than 12” above high ground water. A 4” separation is proposed.**
- (2) LBHR 1.06 requires the system size to be increased by 50% to accommodate a garbage disposal. The system is not designed to accommodate a garbage disposal.**

Mr. O’Driscoll said the leaching field will be 80 feet from South Great Road. There was a dry well and a cesspool for the toilets. Where the leaching field is proposed there will be a higher mound but it will be less visible because of the trees. The pipe coming out of the house is too low to keep out of ground water and will be approximately 4” above ground water. They will be installing a monolithic tank which comes with a rubber boot to seal out ground water. This is not a failed system but when it rains the cesspool fills with water and has to be pumped. The owner will sign a deed restriction for no garbage grinder. Steven Kanner made a motion to approve the variance and local upgrade provided that the owner agrees to sign a deed restriction for no garbage grinder. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. The new application for septic reviews will be tried out for a few months to see if it helps understand the reasons for the requests.

Discussions:

Update on recent Leaf Blower Committee activities – The Leaf Blower Committee will be going before Town Meeting for a regulation on the use of gas leaf blowers. Based on the amount of talk on Lincoln Talks this could be a long discussion at Town Meeting. This could be a financial burden on homeowners. Electric leaf blowers are not that much quieter. The members weighed the possibility of speaking at Town Meeting. The members felt that the Lincoln Station area had a greater impact on residents in that area.

Revision to Tobacco 21 Regulation – The members reviewed a further revision to the Tobacco 21 regulation at the request of Dr. Lester Hartman. After reviewing the changes requested, the members said the wording to be added to the final sentence of Section 4.6 (A) would be “Nicotine delivery products, including e-cigarettes (vapes) may only be sold in Lincoln in 21 Smoke Shops. Also the 8th grade students requested the support of the Board of Health for their warrant article banning the sale of electronic cigarettes in Lincoln. Steven Kanner made a motion to approve the wording as discussed and to support the 8th grade students on their warrant article. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Is There PFAS in Lincoln Water – After reading a Boston Globe article about the possibility of per- and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals, known as PFAS, Dr. Kanner inquired as to the possibility of PFAS in Lincoln water. MaryBeth Wisner, Water Superintendent, had also heard from the Selectmen’s Office requesting information on this. Since Lincoln was not required to test for PFAS in the past, MaryBeth has ordered the kits for testing and will report back to the Board of Health on the results. MaryBeth said that if Lincoln has PFAS in the water, our current filtration plant will not remove them. Lincoln would need ion exchange and/or carbon filters depending on what the MCL is set at and types of PFAS detected. The MCL for PFAS is 70ppb currently but the DEP is considering lowering that. MaryBeth will get back to the Board after testing. The surrounding towns have found PFAS undetected in their water.

Other Business:

Bills Paid – Emerson Hospital Home Care - \$875 for Dec., 2018 and \$1,162.50 for Jan. 2019 (Town nurse)

There being no further business, Steven Kanner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine M. Carroll