

Board of Health Minutes

June 11, 2020

Town of Auburn
Board of Health
Town Hall Selectman's Room
104 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts

Members Present : Eric Otterson Chairman; Carolyn Griffin Vice Chair

In Attendance: Darlene Coyle, Director of Public Health; Eileen Alexander, Asst. Public Health Director;

Chairman Eric Otterson in accordance with the Open Meeting Law , called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Remote Meeting Participation - Thursday June 11, 2020 at 5:00pm

Board of Health

Join by phone: 1-646-749-3112

Access Code: 813-775-077

Join by Computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/813775077>

1. **Call to Order/ Recording Announcement/Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Reorganization of the Board** - We will remove the reorganization of the board till next meeting to all members are present.
3. **Review Agenda - Add/Remove any items** - We will remove the meeting minutes for 3/30/2020 & 5/7/2020 till next meeting.
4. **Approval of Minutes** - 3/20/2020 & 5/7/2020 -removed
5. **Agenda Items** - Donation Box Order Appeal- 459 Southbridge Street- Deferred to next meeting.

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5:10pm Hearing: Irrigation Well Request -244 Leicester Street .

Eric Otterson entertains a motion to open the hearing.

Carolyn Griffin makes a motion to open the hearing for 244 Leicester Street for request of an Irrigation Well.

Second: Eric Otterson

Vote: 2-0

Darlene Coyle explains she had received this request from the owner at 244 Leicester Street. A proposed septic plan has been received for this property that has an existing 3000 gallon tight tank. The property is served by the tight tank & public water. This is an existing three bedroom home with an irrigation well that has been on the property for many years, and a previous request to the Board for the well. As part of this plan the engineer was able to engineer come in and do soil testing and come up with a design for a septic system this will be an improvement to the property and public health and safety. The property has had a tight tank for a long time and the owner has had to pump the tank every 4-5 weeks for years which was a significant cost, so this new system will be an improvement for the property and the environment.

The owner has agreed to make the changes need for the well for safety and has stated the well is not connected to the house and he connects a hose when needed to water his lawn. The Board of Health would request a licensed Plumber to identify that the well has been disconnected and we have proof they are connected to public water.

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Eric Otterson entertains a motion to approve the Irrigation Well request with a stipulation all requests made by the Director of Public Health are made and kept.

Motion: Carolyn Griffin makes a motion to grant the request for the Irrigation well at 244 Leicester Street with the stipulations requested by the Director of Board of Health to be completed.

Second: Eric Otterson

Vote: 2-0

A. Director's update

a) Correspondence -

b) Septic, Well, Housing- We have quite a few septic projects in progress right now, but with the Covid-19 some work was put on hold for a little bit.

c) Animal Control- Dog License are due at this time. Notice from the ACO Officer; usually we send out reminders by email, anyone who would like to be added to this database can please contact the Town Clerks office or the Animal Control. Dog Licenses are due annually on March 31, 2020 but due to COVID-19 there has been an extension on payments & late fees will not apply until after June 29, 2020. Although Town hall remains closed to the public there are several ways to pay. We have the drop off box in the back of the Town Hall Building along with a service window or you can stay in your car and use the drive-up Kiosk located in the parking lot. Also, our Animal Control Officer would like to know if anyone is having difficulties with their pets caused by COVID-19, she asking you to please reach out to our office for assistance for resources.

d) Worcester Regional Tobacco Control Collaborative Update - There has been a change in the legislation at a state level, as of June 1, 2020 all flavored tobacco has been banned including menthol. We are working to get the new regulation info out to all the Tobacco establishments as soon as possible. The State is assisting the Commonwealth on inspections & signage moving forward.

e) Solid Waste - The Town is entering into a new solid waste contract as of July 1, 2020, we are looking forward to working with the new hauler. An update on the Plastic Bag Reduction Bylaw that we had discussed at previous meeting. The Board's comments were brought to the Town Selectman's meeting earlier this week. At this time the with what's going on with COVID-19, the Selectman have decided to hold off on the Plastic Bag Bylaw indefinitely, until we can find out what is going to happen with the State.

f) Central Mass Mosquito Control (CMMC) - We are in the season when CMMC will be doing their regular routine testing. They are out handling complaints & concerns from residents regarding standing water, tires. All spray request are all being handled by CMMC.

g) Emergency Preparedness- As we discussed at our last meeting regarding PPE we are trying to request for our emergency trailer, to start putting supplies together in an event we have to do a Mass vaccination clinic for the Town. We have identified this at our last Public Health meeting with our regional colleagues, and is being considered at this time and we are hoping to hear back soon.

B. Communicable Diseases

Review open cases (if warranted, Executive Session may be called) - Reviewed by the Board members.

C. Inspections- COVID-19 Emergency Action Response

Darlene: Reopening plan at the state level through the Governor's office for stage two has started this week. We have been working with our licensed restaurants to see if any of them are interested in preparing for outdoor dining. Eileen & Jordan along with the Building Dept. have put together a packet that went out to these businesses, giving the establishments the opportunity to take a look at what is required for outdoor dining.

Eileen: We have several businesses interested in offering outdoor dining. We currently have three establishments open at this time and many more that are in the process and taking steps to open. We have been working closely with them for a smooth and expedited process.

NEXT MEETINGS : To be determined on available dates by email.

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Eric Otterson entertains a motion to close the hearing.

Motion: Carolyn Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:22PM

Second: Eric Otterson Vote: All in favor 2-0

Approved on 9/28/2020