

BOARD OF HEALTH
June 11, 2020

On Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 7:34 P.M., the regularly scheduled meeting of the Holland Township Board of Health was held by change of format to teleconference Zoom meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Before the meeting was opened, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Tony Szumski, and the following statement was read at the commencement of the meeting.

Adequate notice of this regular meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, by the Township Clerk on December 12, 2019, by:

1. Posting such notice on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building and on the Holland Township website.
2. Mailing the same to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Express Times.
Notice of change in format was posted on the Holland Township website.

Members present at the meeting: Pearl Hammerstone, Tony Szumski, Audrey Balogh, Lisa Mickey, Christopher Balogh and Donna Lizanich

Members Absent: Vann Smith

Also in attendance was Kurt Hoffman, Kurt Hoffman Engineering and Erica Busch, PE

Audrey Balogh made a motion, seconded by Christopher Balogh, to accept the minutes of May 14, 2020. Motion carried.

Septic System Alteration Waiver Request – Block: 5 Lot: 36 1095 Milford-Warren Glen Road, Bloomsbury, NJ. Erica Busch was requesting a Waiver and had sent each Board of Health member a set of plans to correct a malfunctioning system with no expansion. The design is in full conformance with 7:9A, except the proposed disposal bed will be only 34 feet from the existing catch basin and storm water piping on Milford-Warren Glen Road, which does not meet the minimum 50 foot setback requirement from a water course.

After discussion, Audrey Balogh made a motion to grant the waiver for Block 5, Lot 36 for the distance of the proposed disposal bed being only 34 feet from the existing catch basin and storm water piping on Milford-Warren Glen Road. Christopher Balogh seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Lisa Mickey, aye; Pearl Hammerstone, aye; Audrey Balogh, aye; Christopher Balogh, aye; Tony Szumski, aye; and Donna Lizanich, aye. It was a unanimous aye vote to grant this waiver.

Septic System Alteration Waivers – Block: 11 Lot: 17 455 Little York-Mt. Pleasant Road, Milford, NJ. Kurt Hoffman was requesting waivers and had sent each Board of Health member a set of plans to correct a malfunctioning system with no expansion. The design incorporates a seepage pit design due to lot limitations. The design is in full conformance with 7:9A, except the soil log was not dug to 8 feet below bottom of seepage pit depth and 4 foot above fractured rock as per 7:9A-11.1. The code requires a percolation test when seepage pits are proposed. Engineer performed a soil permeability class rating samples. The proposed seepage pits will be only 25 feet from the existing dwelling, which does not meet the minimum distance requirement of 50 feet when seepage pits are used. The proposed seepage pits will be only 56 feet from the existing well, which does not meet the minimum setback requirement of 50 feet. As per 7:9A-4.3 the distance can be reduced to 50 feet provided there is 50 feet of casing in the well. Due to the age of the well the engineer has proposed an Ultra Violet treatment on the well at this time. Robert Vaccarella suggested, if the applicant may in the future have the well inspected and finds there is 50 feet of casing, the requirement of the UV treatment can be removed. Kurt Hoffman stated that Mr. Totten did not want to have someone check the casing in the well at this time and prefers to have the UV treatment installed on the well now. Mr. Hoffman stated Mr. Totten is not planning on selling his house but needs his septic system repaired since it has not been functioning properly for some time.

After discussion, Christopher Balogh made a motion to grant the four waivers for Block: 11, Lot: 17 for the soil log not dug 8 feet below bottom of the seepage pit depth and 4 foot above fractured rock as per 7:9A-11.1. Percolation tests could not be done on this property that are required when seepage pits are proposed. The proposed seepage pits will be only 25 feet from the existing dwelling, which does not meet the minimum requirement of 50 feet when seepage pits are used. The proposed seepage pits will be only 56 feet from existing well which does not meet the 150 feet set back requirement. The Board is requiring an Ultra Violet treatment be installed on the well at this time, since there is no record of how much casing is in the well. Audrey Balogh seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Lisa Mickey, aye; Pearl Hammerstone, aye; Audrey Balogh, aye; Christopher Balogh, aye; Tony Skulski, aye; and Donna Lizanich, aye. It was a unanimous aye vote to grant this waiver.

The following correspondence was e-mailed to members participating in the Zoom meeting.

1. Hunterdon County Department of Health

To: Pearl Hammerstone, Secretary April 27, 2020
From: Robert Vaccarella, REHS Principal Environmental Health Specialist
Re: Septic System Alteration Waiver Request
Block: 5 Lot: 36 1095 Milford-Warren Glen Road, Bloomsbury, NJ

Hunterdon County Department of Health

To: Pearl Hammerstone, Secretary May 4, 2020
From: Robert Vaccarella, REHS Principal Environmental Health Specialist
Re: Septic System Alteration Waivers
Block: 11 Lot: 17 455 Little York- Mt. Pleasant Road, Milford, NJ

Memo from Daniel Wykoff, Principal REHS June 1, 2020
Private Non-Community Water Systems, Hunterdon County New Jersey
Subject: Maintaining and Reopening Building Water Systems Impacted by Prolonged Shutdown
Guidance for Minimizing Legionella and Opportunistic Bacteria Growth
(Donna will pass this information on to the Holland Library since they will be reopening after three months.)

2. St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center Animal Control Services

3201 US Highway 22E Branchburg, www.sthuberts.org
Detailed Dispatch Summary – Date Generated June 1, 2020 May 1 to May 31, 2020

3. Hunterdon County Department of Health

Animal Bite Report, May 17, 2020

A female township resident was pet sitting and found a tick on the dog. While trying to remove the tick, the dog bit her lip. Ten day confinement required.

Animal Bite Report, May 28, 2020

An out of state veterinary nurse was bitten by a Township resident's cat at a New Jersey Veterinary Specialists. The nurse gave the cat its rabies booster, and while drawing its blood it bit her on the right hand. The Township resident, owner of the cat, is also an employee at this Veterinary facility. Confinement for ten days is required

The above correspondence was discussed and action taken as necessary.

Pearl called the County Board of Health to find out the protocol on Animal Bite Reports. Last month Vann questioned how we know when the animal that is quarantined for 10 days is released and if it tested positive or negative for rabies. Carla Hobbs told Pearl the Animal Bite Report comes from the County Board of Health once an attending physician has seen the patient for an animal bite and notifies the Health Department. She stated the confinement and release of the animal is done by each municipality's animal control officer. Pearl checked with Cathy Miller to see if any report comes out to the Township regarding these bite reports from St. Hubert's, who is our animal control officer. Cathy stated we only get the report she passes on to us each month.

Donna reported The Farmers Market will open this Saturday and the Police Chief will check the parking lot to see that there are not too many cars attending at one time. Masks must be worn and social distancing practiced.

Donna Lizanich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Christopher Balogh. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pearl M. Hammerstone
Pearl M. Hammerstone, Secretary