

ACUSHNET BOARD OF HEALTH

APRIL 26, 2022

PRESENT: Thomas Fortin, Chairman
Robert Medeiros, Clerk
David Davignon, Inspector
Joseph Correia, Health Agent
Wanda Hamer, Clerk

6:03 P.M. Call to order.

APPOINTMENT

Lina & Artur Silva, 76 Ward Street – response to a letter of “Cease & Desist of liquid discharge into neighboring property” from the BOH. Agent Correia explained to the board that this has been an issue since 2019 with water being discharged from a pipe on this property and ponding on the neighbor’s yard on Conduit Street. We have been contacted by the neighbor, Mr. Menard, of the issues from 2019 until the present and have been trying to determine the discharge. Agent Correia sent out a letter which made the new owner contact their Real Estate Agent, since the Silva’s recently purchased this home, to determine if this is a sprinkler leak, septic or something else. After a walk thru it was determined the laundry was being discharged into a slop sink to a sump-pump. The Silva’s were informed that this can’t happen and needs to discharge into the septic system.

Because of this discharge Mr. Menard cannot mow his lawn or use that side of this property and is also causing his arborvitaes to die. Mr. Menard approached the Silva’s with no luck and they feel he is now harassing them as they are new neighbors that purchased this property and are unaware what the pipe is.

After no change to the discharge another letter was sent and another inspection revealed the laundry was still in the slop sink. Mrs. Silva said this was done when their plumber put the pipe back into the slop sink and she noticed water when she does her laundry. Mrs. Silva had the sink removed so this will not happen again and cause further issues. The Silva’s said if they stop the sump-pump then their basement will have water damage because this area is a high water table, so they do not want to disconnect the discharge pipe.

The Board discussed the high water table in the area and would like to see if DPW can do anything in this area for some kind of drainage in the roadway. Then this pipe pointing to Mr. Menard’s yard can be diverted to a drain. Agent Correia explained that the Silva’s will need to address elevations of this pipe to the roadway within 10’ of the roadway. D. Davignon made a motion to keep on the agenda and for Agent to contact DPW and see, what if anything, can be done with the drainage and detour the water. R. Medeiros seconded the motion, all were in favor, so voted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Community Nurse and Home Care Statistics for March 2022. R. Medeiros made a motion to place on file. D. Davignon seconded the motion, all were in favor, so voted.

APPROVE SEPTIC DESIGN PLANS/SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW

63 Main Street – Joseph & Lisa Fernandes – Michael J. Koska & Associates - New Construction. D. Davignon made a motion to approve the plan as read, R. Medeiros seconded the motion, all were in favor, so voted.

2 Blacksmith Drive – Robert & Kimberly Rose Piche – S&K Engineering, LLC - Repair Septic. D. Davignon made a motion to approve the plan as read, R. Medeiros seconded the motion, all were in favor, so voted.

52 Laura Keene Avenue – Helen Quist – Charon Associates, Inc. - Repair Septic. D. Davignon made a motion to approve the plan as read, R. Medeiros seconded the motion, all were in favor, so voted.

320 Mendall Road – Patricia Wessling-Briggs – Farland Corp. - Repair Septic w/3 variances. Allow Depth to GW from 4' to 3'. Allow a Sieve Analysis in lieu of percolation test. Allow the reduction of 12" separation between inlet and outlet T's to GW. D. Davignon made a motion to approve the plan and variances as read, R. Medeiros seconded the motion, all were in favor, so voted.

11 Mary Drive – Dana Lewis – GTA Engineering - Repair Septic w/3 variances. Allow less than 20' to cellar wall to 13.6'. Allow a Sieve Analysis in lieu of percolation test. Provide 5' over-dig around leaching area and not on house side. D. Davignon has an issue with the elevations on the retaining wall. This needs to be corrected by placing 2 blocks where needed vs. 1 block to hold elevation. R. Medeiros made a motion to send back to the engineer for corrections. D. Davignon seconded the motion, all were in favor, so voted. D. Davignon made a motion to allow Agent Correia to approve the plan as long as the engineer corrects the blocks. R. Medeiros seconded the motion, all were in favor, so voted.

DISCUSSION

Public Health Excellence Grant – Agent Correia updated the board that the communities are meeting every Monday and discussing ways to move forward with public health. As of now the grant has purchased 5,000 Covid tests and handed about 4,500 already. D. Davignon made a motion to keep on agenda, R. Medeiros seconded the motion, all were in favor, so voted.

Addition to Fee Schedule to add a \$100 Late charge to delinquent License Holders – Discussion ensued about the annual license holders whom this would effect. D. Davignon made a motion to approve late fee. R. Medeiros seconded the motion, all were in favor, so voted.

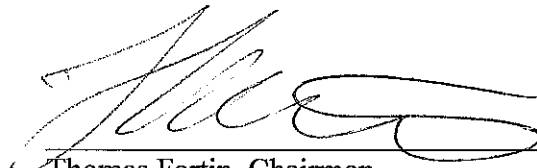
APPROVE MINUTES

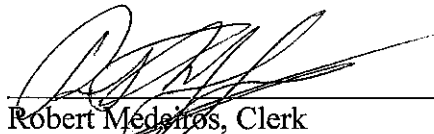
January 25, 2022 - D. Davignon abstained from the vote he was absent. R. Medeiros made a motion to approve minutes as read, Chairman Fortin seconded the motion, both were in favor, so voted.

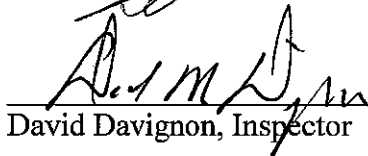
NEXT MEETING May 24, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURN 6:47 P.M. D. Davignon made a motion to adjourn, R. Medeiros seconded the motion, all were in favor, so voted.

Date: JUN 21 2022


Thomas Fortin, Chairman


Robert Medeiros, Clerk


David Davignon, Inspector