



**TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Meeting Minutes**

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Board of Health

MEETING DATE: 4/13/22

TIME: 7:45PM

PLACE: 29 Middle Rd., Morse-Hilberg Room

Members Present: Marie Cannon (MC), Bryan Lynch (BL), Lori Lotterman (LL)

Other Attendees: Jim Garreffo (JG), Peter Shainian (PS), Thomas & Patricia Hill, Raymond L. Willis III, PE. (RW), Al Murphy (AM)
Residents from Boxborough Meadows

Appointments:

7:45 – 32 Spencer Rd, Unit 24M (Continuance): The Board met with Mr. Shainian and asked about the progress with the unit. He informed the Board he had a contractor at his unit on 3/25/22 for another day of work. JG confirmed significant additional program and suggested at least an additional day of work. The Board stressed the need to get the unit into compliance and suggested getting multiple dates from the contractor to minimize the delay in scheduling. JG will continue with progress visits.

8:00 – Donald Morse: The Board received an update from JG on the housing issue at 962 Hill Rd. At the last meeting the Board of Health had granted an extension of time to correct the violations noted in the housing order (4/13). JG inspected the house before this meeting and informed the Board that work is proceeding but additional time will be necessary to complete the work.

8:15 – Tom Hill – 164 Waite Rd, Issues obtaining certification: Mr. Hill recently replaced the sewage disposal system at this address and he has not been able to obtain his as-built plan and certification from his installer (he presented issues with the installation and working with the contractor he had hired). Mr. Hill noted his engineer had certified the system and JG confirmed the system had been inspected and he had reviewed the engineer's as-built plan and certification and it was acceptable. JG informed the Board a letter was sent to the installer request compliance by 4/13; JG had called the installer a couple of times to request the as-built plan and has not received a return call. Mr. Hill stressed the need to obtain the certificate of compliance for their septic system and was looking for the Board's help. JG informed the Board the installer's paperwork was required by Title 5 but the Hill's could request a variance from Title 5

to allow the certificate of compliance to be issued. JG will provide the Hill's with information on the process for requesting a variance.

8:30 PM - 60 Codman Hill Rd., Variance request. RW provided the background for the requested variance. A Title 5 inspection was conducted by the building owner and the inspection found the septic tank needed replacement and the old siphon chamber was not working. The siphon chamber was a requirement of the pre-1996 Title 5 and siphons are not longer allowed under the current version of Title 5. RW explained the issues with installing a dosing chamber (as required in the new Code): pumping downhill and the need for significant changes to the power supplied to the site. RW is requesting to replace the siphon chamber with a d-box to divide the flow to the original leaching areas. The Board asked about the current occupants of the building and the questions regarding the leaching area capacity. The Board voted to grant the requested variance to Title 5 with the requirement that the leaching areas are vented.

Discussions:

Nomination of Phyllis Tower as the Animal Inspector for the Town of Boxborough. The Board voted to nominate Phyllis as Animal Inspector and submit the form to the State for her appointment.

Private Well Test – Boxborough Meadows. JG was informed of the results of a private well test in this development which exceed the drinking water standard for uranium; the uranium is most likely from the bedrock in which the homeowner's well is drilled. The homeowner had her well tested as part of the RCAP water testing program. The homeowner, and other residents of the neighborhood attended the meeting to discuss the situation, resources for addressing wells which exceed the standards and is looking for the Board's support. The Board will provide information and will assist homeowners to the extent of its authority. The Board also recommended not consuming the water until recommended treatment is installed to address the quality issue. Al Murphy, from the Boxborough Housing Board was at the meeting to discuss how they may assist families in the affordable units. JG stated he will send a letter to all homeowners in the neighborhood to inform them of the discovery and providing information on water testing, uranium, and his contact information. It was noted that MassDEP Drinking Water representatives have been contacted and have provided additional technical resources to the town that was made available.

COVID-19: JG provided the Board with a brief update on the cases in towns and State. There is an uptick in cases, in town and in the State. JG will monitor the data and is still meeting with the AB District staff every two weeks to discuss what is happening in the schools.

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| 1) <u>CORRESPONDENCES:</u> | NONE |
| 2) <u>DRINKING WATER REPORTS:</u> | JG to review |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applewood Condominiums – Certification• Blanchard Memorial School• 159 Swanson Rd | |

- 155 Swanson Rd
- Cisco Site I (LPCH)
- Codman Hill Condos
- Brook Village Condos
- 1028 Hill Rd
- 310 Picnic Rd.

3) SDS / WWTF / Groundwater Discharge Report

JG to review

- Beaver Brook Rd. - Campanelli Property
- Sweeney Drywall – 330 Codman Hill
- Harvard Ridge
- Brook Village Condo
- 629 Mass Ave.
- 1414 Mass Ave - LPCH

4) FOR SIGNATURE:

Signed

- Invoice: Nashoba Board of Health – FY22 Nursing and Environmental Service
- Invoice: Vesperis – Mosquito Larvicide for April Mosquito Control Program