

WESTON BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes for
Wednesday, June 8, 2022
10:02 AM – 11:23 AM
Zoom Meeting

Present: Laura Azzam – Chair
Dr. David Kominz – Member
Dr. Jennifer Kickham - Member
Michele Fronk Schuckel MBA, BSN, RN – COVID-19 Response Manager, BOH Public Health Nurse
Kelly Pawluczzonek, RS, MS - Public Health Director
Michelle Hubbard – Administrative Assistant, Meeting Minutes

I. Residents' Concerns

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM. Fatemeh Mojtabai addressed the ongoing issue at her home at 98 Jericho Road regarding the leaking roof. She stated she is very disappointed because it has been an issue for about 5 months, and 3 months since the town has issued the order. The only thing that has been done was last month when they did an inspection and everything seems to be up in the air again with no response as to when the work will be done. Fatemeh spoke with Kelly yesterday and the town has processed a criminal complaint against the responsible parties. Kelly filed this with Lawrence District Court and spoke with the clerk magistrate. They told Kelly that the order she issued did not have an individual name addressed in the letter. In order to file a criminal complaint, the letter would have to be redone and addressed to an individual person. Fatemeh would like to know who is responsible, and to give them 24 hours to make a good faith effort rather than 30 days. Kelly will be sending the new letter to all 5 trustees. Kelly has been to Lawrence Housing Court twice and it was the clerk magistrate who told her to give them 30 days. She will be revising the order letter to include all 5 trustees, and she has to give them 30 days to complete repairs to the roof.

No other resident concerns unrelated to agenda items.

II. Approval of Minutes

Dr. David Kominz made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2, February 16, April 13, and May 9. Dr. Jennifer Kickham seconds the motion. All in favor, the motion is carried.

III. 90 Cherry Brook Road – Septic Variances

Ted Doucette spoke about the septic system at 90 Cherry Brook Road. They are looking to replace the existing septic system including the installation of a new two-

compartment septic tank and soil absorption system consisting of an infiltrator soil absorption system. The design capacity of the proposed system is for four bedrooms, including a garbage disposal. The following variances are requested:

Regulation: 310 CMR 15.211 – Request reduction in the offset from a Wetlands Bordering Surface Water Supply or Tributary thereto. The request is to reduce the offset from 100 feet to not less than 70 feet. Due to topography, mature trees, and location of the outlet pipe, there is not an opportunity to justify locating the system somewhere else on the property.

Dr. Jennifer Kickham made a motion to approve the variance. Dr. David Kominz seconds the motion. All in favor, the motion is carried.

IV. 42 Brook Road – Septic Variances

Ted Doucette spoke about the septic system at 42 Brook Road. They are looking to replace the existing septic system including installation of a new two-compartment septic tank, pump chamber, and soil absorption system consisting of a Presby ES soil absorption system. The design capacity of the proposed system is for three bedrooms, without capacity for a garbage disposal. The area where the system is proposed is currently lawn that will be restored following construction. The following variances are requested:

310CMR15.211 – Request reduction in the offset between a pump chamber from a property line from 10 feet to not less than two feet with the property line certified by a professional land surveyor. SAS not less than one foot, pump chamber not less than three feet.

310CMR15.211 – Request reduction in the offset between a soil absorption system from a property line from 10 feet to not less than two feet with the property line certified by a professional land surveyor. SAS not less than one foot, pump chamber not less than three feet.

310 CMR 15.211 Request reduction in 20-foot setback from the SAS to foundation to not less than 12 feet.

310CMR15.212 Depth to Groundwater – Request a two-foot reduction in groundwater offset as provided by the Modified Certification for Remedial Use, Presby Enviro-Septic Leaching System, Transmittal Number 21CLM-000073-APP dated March 15, 2022.

310CMR15.211 – Request reduction in the offset between a septic tank, pump chamber to a bordering vegetative wetland to a tributary to a water supply, Zone A. The request is to reduce the offset from 100 feet to not less than 70 feet. Due to the configuration of

the lot and location of the house, there is not an opportunity to justify locating the components somewhere else on the property.

310CMR15.211 – Request reduction in the offset between a soil absorption system to a bordering vegetative wetland to a tributary to a water supply, Zone A. The request is to reduce the offset from 100 feet to not less than 70 feet. Due to the configuration of the lot and location of the house, there is not an opportunity to justify locating the components somewhere else on the property.

Section 2.5 of Chapter VI of the Weston Board of Health Regulations – Request reduction in the offset from a wetland and a structural component, septic tank and pump chamber. Due to the internal plumbing of the building sewer in relation to the wetland, the tank and pump chamber cannot be relocated.

Dr. Jennifer Kickham made a motion to approve the variances. Dr. David Kominz seconds the motion. All in favor, the motion is carried.

V. COVID-19 Report/Update – Michele Fronk Schuckel, MBA, BSN, RN

Case numbers have remained high. From May 8 – May 21, there were 119 confirmed, probable cases in Weston which was up from previous weeks. The positivity rate is at 11.58%. We are working closely with the schools, particularly the public schools to make sure everyone has up to date information, reinforcing that if you test positive, it is a 10-day process from when you test positive or start showing symptoms, until you are out of isolation. At least 30% of people still remain infectious after being home for the 5 days, so masking remains very important. We continue to follow and assist with outbreak contact tracing and case investigation, and are otherwise supporting our community partners.

We have a clinic targeting 4th doses for ages 50+ scheduled for 6/9/2022 sponsored by BOH and COA. There will be volunteer support from WERC, and direct mail pieces were sent for marketing. There will be another clinic targeting 3rd doses for ages 5+ on 6/16/2022 sponsored by BOH and Weston Recreation. It will be staffed/run by Transformative Health. Marketing was done by asking WPS to do direct-to-family email, fliers at library/community center, and social media. Schools, preschools, and houses of worship are getting direct emails and fliers to post. As we are able, we are offering homebound vaccination. We are also referring individuals to the Massachusetts homebound vaccine line if they are not able or interested in waiting until we have either a critical mass for vial use or are able to schedule piggybacking on existing clinics.

BOH will be in receipt of an additional 24 cases of rapid home antigen tests (2,160 kits) for distribution and we will continue offering kits at the BOH office, WPL, COA and vaccine/booster clinics. We are adding a sticker to each kit to encourage individuals to

follow current guidance and to educate residents on the ongoing availability of the local public health resources in Weston.

VI. Director's Monthly Review/Update – Betterment Loan Program, 2 Shared Services Grants

Kelly is working with Michele in regards to the clinics, test kits, and vaccine management. She is also working on both of the grants with Wayland and Sudbury. The epidemiologist is currently working on a project and looking at numbers to see COVID-19 positives in regards to towns that have mask mandates vs. when the state lifted theirs.

We set up a table for Celebrate Weston which was very successful and passed out approximately 180 test kits. A couple people applied to be a part of the WERC group. We are currently working on getting a feather flag for the WERC group as well as a table banner. We will also be setting up a table for the Pooch Parade. Kelly is hoping to have a draft for new septic regulations by August.

The department has been busy with camps and temporary food permits. Attached to Maplewood is going to be Charles River Recovery. This is a substance abuse recovery program with approximately 170 beds for both men and women. They had a food permit before and are not really doing any updates to the kitchen area. We are not using Food Code Pro yet. The iPads have been ordered and they are setting up the software specifically for Weston including things such as the town seal, contact information, etc.

VII. Next Meeting Date

July 13, 2022 at 10:00 AM via Zoom.

VIII. Adjourn

Dr. Jennifer Kickham motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. David Kominz seconds and Laura Azzam adjourned the meeting at 11:23 AM.