

**Wellfleet Board of Health
May 13, 2020, 1:00PM
Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Janet Drohan, (stood in as chair); Nick Picariello, Gary Locke

Members Absent: Ken Granlund, Jed Foley

Others Present: Hillary Lemos, Health Agent; Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Catherine Cushman, 45 Grove Avenue; David Lajoie, Felco, Inc; Peter Abraham, chicken coop permit; Jay Norton, Department of Public Works; Mike Cicale, transfer station

Chair Drohan called the meeting to order at 1:15pm

Variances:

45 Grove Avenue, Wellfleet, MA (Map #36, Parcel #99) ~ Catherine Cushman, David Lajoie presented to the board. Asking a variance for a new septic system. Lajoie stated the site is impacted by several wetland areas. Lemos had no comments or concerns for this variance.

Locke Moved to approve Felco Plan # 19082, dated April 19, 2020 and grant the one variance requested in the letter dated April 28, 2020 for the upgrade of a septic system to serve a four-bedroom structure a grandfathered non-conforming dwelling Subject to the following conditions:

Design flow to be limited to 448 GPD to serve four-bedrooms

No increase in habitable area without Board of Health review

No conversion of use without Board of Health review

Well water to be tested prior to issuance of a disposal works permit

Deed Recording to be done

Annual inspection of the pumps and alarms and any other equipment

Picariello seconded, motion carried 3-0

120 Compass Hill Road, Wellfleet (Map #41, Parcel #61) ~ Owen Dodge

Lajoie presented to the board on behalf of the property owner. He stated they needed to upgrade the septic because they are using a cesspool. He explained that they are close to wetlands and did present to the conservation commission who gave the okay to move forward with this project. Lemos stated this is a small lot and not much work to do on it, she went on the state that it meets the requirements of the Board of Health regulations.

Locke moved to approve Felco Plan #19037 dated April 14, 2020 and grant the five variances requested in the letter dated April 28, 2020 for the upgrade of a septic system to serve four-bedrooms a grandfathered non-conforming dwelling subject to the following conditions:

Design flow to be limited to 440 GPD to serve four-bedrooms

A reduction in leach area is requested at 26% with 373 GPD provided

No increase in habitable area without Board of Health review

No conversion of use without Board of Health review
Well water to be tested prior to the issuance of a disposal works permit
Deed recording to be done
Annual inspection of the pumps, alarms, and any other equipment
Picariello seconded, motion carried 3-0

Animal Permits:

95 Indian Walk Road, Wellfleet, MA ~ Request for chicken coop ~ Peter Abraham
Abraham presented to the board on his behalf. He stated he would like to have a chicken coop on his property, and he would be building the coop on his own. He stated to the board he will be using his manure to use on his gardens on his property. Lemos asked if there was a recent water test on the property, he stated that he thought there was one done in the previous year. Lemos couldn't find the water test so the board requested that he have a new water test done. Lemos gave instructions to Abraham that he needs to have the water tested and brought to Barnstable. They continued to discuss the location of the of the coop. The board along with Lemos asked Abraham to go back and get actual distances for the coop so they have a better understanding as to where the coop will be in distance to the surrounding wells.

Drohan moved to continue this matter until the May 27th meeting to discuss the site for the chicken coop for Peter Abraham's where he will provide the board an exact measurement of the wells of the properties on both sides of his property and will also provide the results of the water test. Locke seconded; motion carried 3-0

240 Pinewood Circle, Wellfleet, MA ~ Request for chicken coop; Katie
Katie presented for her property, she is requesting for 8 chickens for eggs and to teach their young daughter about caring for animals. She explained that there will be a deep litter composting system and the food will be stored in the basement of their house. Lemos stated that she didn't have any issues with this request. Picariello asked about the composting system, she stated its like a compost system and stays in the chicken coop only changing once a year.

Locke moved to approve the farm animal permit for 240 Pinewood Circle, Wellfleet MA 02667, Picariello seconded, motion carried 3-0

Discussion with DPW

Norton gave an update on the reopening of the town Monday May 18, 2020. He stated that the transfer station will allow contract materials beginning Monday and they understand the need to have the reopen sooner rather than later. He stated they will put a limited number of garbage containers on Main Street. He asked the board that the ban of purple bags continue to Labor Day so they can get through the summer season. Drohan expressed her concern for recycling when using the purple bags, Locke asked Lemos thought this could happen with the

budget. Lemos stated that she believes the community wants to recycle and doesn't believe it will be a huge concern. Cicale stated that the community likes to recycle and hasn't had to change the trailer that the trash is put into, showing that the community is recycling. Lemos stated it would be good data for them to see how much is being recycled. The board will revisit the use of purple bags after Labor Day.

Minutes:

March 11, 2020 ~ **Locke moved to approve the minutes as printed; Drohan seconded; motion carried 3-0**

March 25, 2020 ~ **Locke moved to approve the minutes as printed; Drohan seconded; motion carried 3-0**

April 8, 2020 ~ **Locke moved to approve the minutes as printed; Drohan seconded; motion carried 3-0**

Topics for future concern

Drohan questioned Lemos about her thoughts on the Governor's reopening plan for May 18, 2020. The board decided to meet and discuss Covid and the reopening of the state on May 19, 2020 so they can discuss their next steps.

**public documents: Letter from Felco, Inc. for 45 Grove Avenue, site map for property
Letter from Felco, Inc. for 240 Pinewood Circle, site map for property
Minutes for March 11, 2020
Minutes for March 25, 2020
Minutes for April 8, 2020*