

**Wellfleet Board of Health  
Virtual Meeting – Zoom  
Wednesday November 18, 2020; 2:00pm  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Ken Granlund, Chair; Janet Drohan; Gary Locke; Nick Picariello

**Members Absent:** Jed Foley

**Others Present:** Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Helen Miranda Wilson, Selectboard member; Jason Ellis, J.C. Ellis Engineering; David Lajoie, Pio Lombardo, Representative for the Nitrex septic systems; Nancy Civetta, Shellfish Constable; Jay Norton, Wellfleet DPW; Mark Vincent, Wellfleet DPW; Mike Cicale, Transfer station; Ann Suggs, property owner; Scott Horsley, representative for wastewater committee.

Drohan called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

**Variances:**

- **55 Commercial Street, Wellfleet, MA (Map #15, Parcel #101) ~ Jeanne Woodes**  
Suggs presented to the board to request for an amendment for her septic system, she is looking to use the Fugi system rather than her originally planned system. She explained that she is changing because it is a smaller footprint and move the pump tank between the leach and septic tank, she sited less excavation in the area. Picariello asked if the efficiency was the same as the previous system. She stated that it was. The board asked Suggs more questions regarding the amendments and they discussed the differences with the new system. Lemos looked up the Fuji system and it is under remedial use.
    - **Picariello moved to approve CSN Engineering plan #2020284 dated October 27, 2020 and grant the ten variances requested in the letter dated November 9, 2020 for the upgrade of a septic system to serve a one-bedroom apartment and a fifteen hundred square foot retail space, grandfathered nonconforming structure; using the Fuji clean denitrification technology under the remedial use category. Subject to the following conditions:**
      - Design flow to be limited to 220 GPD**
      - A reduced leach area variance for a 20% reduction in the SAS with 140 GPD provided**
      - No increase in habitable area without Board of Health review**
      - No conversion of use without Board of Health review**
      - Deed recording**
      - IA monitoring**
      - Inspections of pumps and alarms and other equipment**
- Drohan seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0**

- **85 Chequessett Bluff Wellfleet, MA (Map #19, Parcel #138) ~ Richard Black**  
 Jason Ellis presented to the board on behalf of the property owner, he explained the details of the property. The board asked a few questions of Ellis about the surrounding wells, he explained they were put there because of the solidity of the wells at the time.
  - **Picariello moved to approve the J.C. Ellis Plan dated July 7, 2020 and grant the six variances requested in the letter dated October 20, 2020 for the upgrade of a septic system to serve a three bedroom dwelling; grandfathered nonconforming dwelling with respect to nitrogen loading using the Advnatex AX 20 denitrification technology under the general use approval category. Subject to the following conditions:**  
**Design flow to be limited to 336.87 GPD**  
**No increase in habitable area without Board of Health review**  
**No conversion of use without Board of Health Review**  
**Well water to be tested**  
**Deed to be recorded**  
**IA monitoring**  
**Locke seconded, motion carried 3-0**
  
- **165 Long Ave. Wellfleet, MA (Map #30, Parcel #128) ~ Winslow**  
 Lajoie presented to the board on behalf of the property owner. He gave the board a quick update on the property and his plans to install the septic system. The board had no concerns, Locke stated there weren't many options to go with concerning this property due to the coastal bank.
  - **Locke moved to approve Felco Plan # 20022m dated October 20, 2020 and grant the three variances requested in the letter dated November 5, 2020 for the upgrade of a septic system to serve a five-bedroom dwelling subject to the following conditions:**  
**Design flow to be limited to 550GPD**  
**Reduced leach area variance with 19% reduction and the SAS size with 448GPD 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**  
**Deed recording to be done.**  
**Picariello seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0**

### **Nitrex:**

- Board to hear a presentation from Pio Lombardo regarding the Nitrex system. Horsley introduced Lombardo to introduce his Nitrex system. Lombardo presented a power point presentation to the board showing them how his wastewater system works. He went on to explain how the technology works and gave a lot of background information on the company itself. He discussed Nitrate levels, and cluster neighborhood systems. Lombardo gave many examples to the board using different models. The board discussed this and members from the community asked questions of Lombardo. Grants were discussed for projects around the town. Lombardo answered many questions and concerns from members of the community and the board. The presentation was about 45 minutes long. The board was impressed and felt well educated with the presentation.

### **Business:**

- **Pay as You Throw – (PAYT)**

Vincent gave an update on the pay as you throw bags and the operation at the transfer station. He stated that since the beginning of Covid, the solid waste numbers have gone up and the recycling numbers have come down, which they expected. Vincent asked if the board would consider keeping the order in affect due to the increase in covid cases. The transfer station has converted to single stream from dual stream so that they could widen the area at the transfer station to enable better social distancing. The board discussed the benefits and the issues of keeping this order in affect. Vincent stated that he would like to go back to dual stream in January 2021, but he would like to hold off with the pay as you throw. There were a few comments about the cost of not doing the pay as you throw or going back to dual stream immediately. There was discussion on this matter.

**Picariello moved that the Board of Health approves the transition from single stream to dual stream based on the operational plan of the DPW between now and January. Pay as you go will be extended until March of 2021. Drohan seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0**

Locke left the meeting at 3:30pm

Granlund returned to the meeting at 3:45pm

- **Shellfish Relay**

Civetta presented to the board that she feels her memo was very informative and explained she would love to answer any questions. The relay is to move contaminated quahogs to non-contaminated waters so they can continue to keep the quahogs clean and growing. She explained that both recreational and commercial harvesters appreciate this, so they can have product for harvesting.

- **Shellfish Farmers Market**

Civetta presented to the board again, about the farmers market. She explained that the shell fisherman approached the selectboard to be able to sell their product to the public directly. Stating that one of the main reasons for this farmers market was restaurants weren't at full capacity due to Covid 19 and this would benefit them. She feels this would be an immediate benefit to the shell fisherman. She stated this could be done at the pier where the shell fisherman would sell right from their boats. She recognized that there are some kinks to be worked out but feels this is a good way to generate income for them. The board discussed the details of this and asked questions of Civetta about how certain things would work. Safety of the shellfish was discussed. They agreed that this was a great idea to help boost the economy for the local shell fishermen and to promote Wellfleet's commitment to community.

- **Signatures of Licenses**

The board gave Hillary permission to sign all the licenses on their behalf so they wouldn't be held up at the Health Department.

Lemos left the meeting at 3:55 pm

**Minutes:**

- October 14, 2020 ~ these were continued until the December meeting

**Future Discussion**

**Picariello moved to adjourn the meeting, Drohan seconded; meeting adjourned at 4:05pm**

***Public Records:***

*CSN Engineering Maps and letters*

*Felco, Inc. Maps and Letter*

*J.C. Ellis Maps and Letter*

*Memo from Nancy Civetta*

*Minutes from October meeting*