**Wellfleet Board of Health**

Hybrid Meeting: Zoom/ 715 Old Kings Highway

Wednesday, July12, 2023 at 5:30 pm

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Janet Drohan, Ken Granlaund, Gary Locke, Nick Picariello (chair), Meredith Ballinger

**Absent:** Deborah Freeman

**Others Present:** Dan Gates, Eliza Morrison, Alex Nelson, and Brad Badgley.

Chair Picariello called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

**Variances:**

**Sexton, 345 Wilson Avenue (Map 30, Parcel 616)**

Laura Schofield, of Schofield Brothers, spoke regarding replacing the septic system at 345 Wilson Ave. The home is a two-bedroom cottage with a cesspool on a 8,647 square foot lot. The owner would like to replace their existing cesspool with a new septic system. The well was relocated to the northeast corner of the property which allows for a 100 foot setback from the new leaching field, and is 89 feet from the neighbor’s leeching pit. The other required setbacks will be observed. The proposed leach field is H20 rated and will be located beneath the driveway.

The Board related that between the elevation and sand, it should be a successful plan. Yearly water testing is recommended.

Ballinger moved to approve the Schofield Brothers plan #0-12641, dated June 21, 2023, and grant the three variances requested in the letter of June 21, 2023 for the upgrade (or construction) of a septic system to serve a two bedroom structure, a grandfathered nonconforming dwelling (with respect to nitrogen loading) subject to the following conditions: design flow to be limited to 224.9 DPD to serve two bedrooms, no increase in habitable area without Board approval, no conversion of use without Board approval, installation of new wells, and deed recording.

Drohan seconded, the vote was taken and the motion approved 4-0.

**Old Business:**

**Vivante/ Soorian, 320 Main Street (Map 14, Parcel 2)**

Ms. Vivante and Mr. Soorian are researching septic solutions for their property. They asked the Board if a tight tank might be a reasonable plan. The Board asked if they had discussed the possibility of installing an IA system. The engineer they hired has been unresponsive. The discussion among the Board reflected the fact that, while an IA system is the Town’s preferred solution, in this case it might not be the most reasonable. Because of the significant slope in the only location a system could be installed, and the likely harm that putting such a system in might cause to the land, the Board agreed that a tight tank could be considered in this very particular case. A condition was placed on the permission which is that the residents commit to tying their system into the Town sewer when it becomes available.

**New Business:**

**ASGCC (Aids Support Group of Cape Cod) Harm Reduction Services: NARCAN & Syringe Service Programming**

*Presentation of ASGCC’s Harm Reduction Services, including updates on Fentanyl in the Outer Cape, NARCAN, mobile outreach services, and information regarding syringe service programming and available funding from MA Department of Public Health.*

Dan Gates, before beginning the organization’s presentation, offered a free NARCAN training to the members of the Board, the duration of which would be approximately twenty minutes. He and Eliza Morrison presented their mission, extensive services, and offers for how the organization might partner with the Board of Health and the Town to expand their already existing services to the community. The first step would be to receive a letter of support from the Board so that the organization can receive the funding they would need from the State to begin providing more services here. The members of the Board who were present were impressed and eager to begin and spearhead this effort. The decision was made, however, to hold the vote to sign the letter until all of the Board members could be present. It was also suggested that the organization come to a future Board meeting and present the training to the Board before the meeting begins.

Granlaund made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Drohan seconded, a vote was taken, and the motion approved 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Jennifer Elsensohn, Committee Secretary

Documents:

Map 30/ Parcel 616 variance application and back up materials

Map 14/ Parcel 2 site plan

ASGCC materials and PowerPoint