

Manchester Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Members present:

Paula Filias, Peter Colarusso, Joan Cottler, Dr. Tonya Colpitts, Dr. Martin Hahn

Members absent:

None

Also present:

Greg Federspiel

Nurse Pam Ciccone

Coronavirus Updates

Nurse Ciccone provided the following coronavirus case update for Manchester:

237 cases to date (January 1, 2020 – today)

3 active cases

She noted that tracing has revealed the Manchester cases to be very mild, with no hospitalizations.

Paula Filias asked for the number of active cases. Nurse Ciccone stated there are currently 3 active cases.

Peter Colarusso asked the Board to think about the planning for booster shots that may be needed in the fall. He also asked if there would be combined booster and flu shots.

Nurse Ciccone stated that while Boards of Health were trained in vaccine clinics and had run successful clinics for decades, that the State had essentially banned Boards of Health from vaccine delivery.

She noted that she and the office staff had completed the necessary paperwork for vaccine delivery, but no vaccine had been provided. Further, she expected that the booster shots would be given by providers and by pharmacies.

## 20 Magnolia Avenue

Gerry McDonald presented septic system upgrade plans submitted by John Judd, P.E. for the property at 20 Magnolia Avenue in Manchester. Mr. McDonald noted that the Board had approved a two-bedroom septic system plan in July of 2020 following a failed Title 5 Inspection Report. Mr. McDonald said that the buyer of the property wanted to expand the house and septic system to three bedrooms and was acquiring land from an abutter for the septic system expansion. Mr. McDonald said the new three-bedroom design plan was in compliance with Title 5 but would require a variance from the Local Addenda to Title 5 to allow a distance of 82" from the qualified reserve area to the wetlands. Mr. McDonald asked Ms. Lufkin if the Planning Board had approved the expanded lot. Ms. Lufkin said that septic system plan should denote if the lot line is actual or proposed. As the septic system plan contained a notation of owner's responsibility to provide a Planning Board stamped approved plan prior to system construction, all agreed that the expanded lot was proposed and not actual. Ms. Lufkin reminded that the Board of Health does not typically approve septic design plans on proposed lots versus actual lots, and further requested that the Board identify what was unique about the application that would allow for such a provision. Ms. Filias said that the septic system plan is the first step in the new plans for the property and that any approval could be granted conditionally, requiring approved lot plans, new house plans, and Conservation Commission approval prior to system construction. Ms. Filias made a motion to approve the septic system expansion plan for 20 Magnolia Avenue, as submitted by John Judd, P.E. and dated 03/18/21 with the following conditions:

- Planning Board approval of expanded lot
- Conservation Commission approval of the 82' setback from wetlands to septic system reserve area
- House plans showing not more than 8 rooms total and no more than 3 bedrooms.

Dr. Hahn requested an addition to Ms. Filias' motion, to include the granting of a variance from the Manchester Addenda to Title 5 to allow a setback of 82' from septic system reserve area to wetlands, where a 100' setback is required. Ms. Filias agreed to amend the motion as stated. Dr. Hahn seconded the motion and members by roll call vote approved the plan with the conditions as listed.

Ms. Filias, yes

Ms. Cottler, yes

Mr. Colarusso, yes

Dr. Colpitts, yes

Dr. Hahn, yes

## 102 Bridge Street

Ms. Filias and Mr. McDonald informed the Board that due to significant revisions required on the design plan for 102 Bridge Street in Manchester, the Board will not review the septic system design plan until their May 27 meeting.

## Minutes

Ms. Filias made a motion to approve the minutes of 04/29/21 as presented. Mr. Colarusso seconded the motion and by roll call vote members voted unanimously on the motion:

Ms. Filias, yes

Ms. Cottler, yes

Mr. Colarusso, yes

Dr. Colpitts, yes

Dr. Hahn, yes

## Coronavirus Updates

Ms. Lufkin reviewed the Governor's May 10, 2021 Coronavirus Orders and D.P.H. directives with the Board. Nurse Ciccone noted that as of May 29, 2021 restaurants may have tables of 10 persons.

There was a short discussion on the future of outdoor dining.

Ms. Cottler asked those present when the Board would be able to return to in person meetings.

Nurse Ciccone replied that outdoor dining will continue to be allowed and said that she believed people are enjoying the increased outdoor dining and may wish for it to remain in future. She noted that Manchester's outdoor dining (located on public sidewalks and streets) is under the authority of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Federspiel said that the Selectmen will be reviewing the matter in the next few months.

Ms. Filias asked Mr. Federspiel if the Finance Committee had approved of the line-item transfer from Professional Services to Public Health Nursing in order to allow for ample funds and competitive wage for the new public health nurse. Mr. Federspiel said that the Finance Committee had approved of the line-item transfer as proposed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, members on a motion by Ms. Filias and seconded by Ms. Cottler voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

As submitted,

Ellen D. Lufkin

Administrative Assistant