Littleton Board of Health
January 28, 2020
37 Shattuck Street Rm 307
Littleton MA 01460

Approved 2/25/2020

Members Present: Chair Louise Nichols, Vice Chair Lisa Flanagan, Clerk Kevin Baker, Gino Frattallone, Mike Zeldin

Members Absent:

Administrative Matters
  • Minutes 1/7/2020

It was moved by Baker, seconded by Zeldin and voted 4:0 to approve the meeting minutes for 1/7/2020.
  • Permits signed by the Board.
  • Member comments:
    o Discussion regarding last month’s report of noise at the Groton Temple. The complaint has been referred to the Groton Board of Health
    o Facebook: Baker had suggested creating a Facebook page for the residents to comment on BOH issues. There is a social media policy being reviewed by the Town Administrator. A request can be made after the policy is finalized.
    o Littleton Electric and Water Dept is taking over the Town Common Sewer project. Zeldin asked for BOH input/questions/comments to pass along to the group. This will be discussed next meeting.

(Flanagan arrived.)

7:10pm Public Hearing, 24 Park Drive, Minior – Variance Request

Jack Malone from Ducharme & Dillis presented to the Board. The owner was present. The current house has a 2 bedroom system. The owner would like to increase to a 3 bedroom. The grading is less than 10’ to the lot line on two sides. The perc rate was 12 and 6.

Neil O’Leary, 29 Woodland Drive, owns two abutting properties. He is concerned with grading and run-off. Malone stated that there will still be grass and a swale to prevent run off. Malone agreed to increase the size of the swale.

Nichols read the comments of the Health Agent.

It was moved by Frattallone, seconded by Zeldin and voted 5:0 to grant both variances with the conditions outlined in Jim’s comments and the discussed swale.
7:26pm Public Hearing, 20 Fletcher Lane, Haven Construction – Variance Request

Jack Malone from Ducharme & Dillis presented to the Board. The lot is very small. There is high seasonal water table and a high perc rate.

Brian Tarbox, 16 Fletcher Drive, asked height of the system. It will be about 3’ high. There will be a swale in between his system and the one proposed.

Jackie Bougas, 22 Fletcher Drive, asked whether she would have more water in her front yard. There will be lawn again so there will be no more lawn. She also asked how she can be reassured that the system won’t be on her lawn. Malone stated that the property line has been staked.

Paul Bougas, 22 Fletcher Drive, is worried about sewage leaking into the groundwater. Malone stated that this would be less likely than during current conditions.

Flanagan read the comments of the Health Agent.

It was moved by Baker, seconded by Zeldin and voted 5:0 to approve the request for 20 Fletcher Lane.

7:43pm Discussion, 9 Douglas Rd, Brian Geudreau Hancock Associates – Request for deed restriction with permission for finished basement.

Brian Geudreau presented to the Board. There is an existing 4 bedroom home with a 4 bedroom septic system. The potential owners want a basement 3 room/1 bedroom addition with a deed restriction. The health agent does not recommend a deed restriction but wants to see a 5 bedroom system installed. Geudreau and the Health Agent will be walking the property tomorrow. The Board stated that a deed restriction is not appropriate in this case, as defined by the Board’s recently adopted deed restriction policy limiting number of rooms based on septic size.

Zeldin read the comments of the Health Agent.

7:50pm Public Hearing, 277 Tahattawan Rd – Variance Request

Brian Geudreau presented to the Board. The applicant is proposing a new single family house. The site conditions include slope and seasonal high water table. The proposed leaching area will require fill within 10’ of lot line by Tahattawan Road. The Health Agent proposed the use of a polybarrier.

Chris Stoddard, Town Engineer, submitted a letter of support.

Christopher Crammer, 255 Tahattawan Rd, stated that he was concerned about the fill, but it is not near his lot line.

Baker read the Health Agent’s comments.
It was moved by Flanagan, seconded by Frattalone, and voted 5:0 to approve the request.

8:05pm  **Public Hearing, Lot 13 Chestnut** – Permit extension due to change of Ownership

Colby Field, owner, presented to the field. He is the new owner of the property. The system is partially built. No house has been built yet.

Frattalone read the comments of the Health Agent.

It was moved by Frattalone, seconded by Baker, and voted 5:0 in favor of the permit extension.

8:08pm  **Public Hearing, 3 Pickard Lane, continued** – Variance Request

Brian Farmer presented to the Board. They are proposing an Eljen system.

Frattalone read the Health Agent’s comments.

It was moved by Frattalone, seconded by Baker and voted 5:0 in favor of granting the requested variances as submitted, approving the revised plans.

It was moved by Baker, seconded by Flanagan, and voted 5:0 to adjourn the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted by Janet Fairchild*