

Delaware Township, Board of Health
May 3, 2021 Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Delaware Township Board of Health was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Board Chairman.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Chairman led the assembly in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Textores, Katie Hooven, PhD, Michael Bokach, Jim Vena, Jorge Berkowitz, PhD, Danene Gooding, and Tiffany Crivelli,

Absent: Chadd Tindall, DVM and Carla Hobbs, from the Hunterdon County Division of Public Safety

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Proper notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times, and the Star Ledger, posted at the Delaware Township Municipal Building and filed with the Township Clerk all on January 14, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jorge Berkowitz made the motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Health meeting on April 5, 2021, Michael Bokach seconded the motion and members unanimously approved the minutes. All voted Aye.

BOARD OF HEALTH OLD BUSINESS

- A. Financial Disclosure has been extended until June 30th, 2021.

BOARD OF HEALTH NEW BUSINESS

- A. Septic Waiver – B1 L15, 338 Old Croton Road, Greg VandeRydt, Project Manager, was present to address the board. He discussed items listed in the letter dated March 24th, 2021 from the Hunterdon County Department of Health.

VandeRydt stated that the PERC conditions that were found was a massive clay layer with sand below from 18” to 30”. He stated there was seepage but it was on the conservative side. The cesspool was being replaced due to system failure and occasional bleeding out, not due to the sale of the home. It was believed that this was original to the home.

Jorge Berkowitz had some concerns with the topographic map and asked if there were no wetlands within 150ft. VandeRydt stated they refer to the NJDEP Geoweb information and there were no wetlands in the vicinity. Berkowitz inquired if they validated the NJDEP Geoweb information to which VandeRydt replied that he did not see any wetlands and their rule of thumb is what the NJDEP Geoweb states and the area was snow covered regardless. Michael Textores suggested this might be something to research with the County.

Michael Textores inquired on the acreage and was advised by VandeRydt that the property is over 40 acres and that they also tested areas by the garage and had the same results. Textores inquired if there were two houses on the property. VandeRydt stated that there is one 4-bedroom home with a chicken coop, a barn that is not habitable, and a shed.

The waiver was approved since this is an alteration to a malfunctioning system and the proposed alteration is in more conformance with 7:9A-3.3(e)2 ii than the original components. Jorge

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Berkowitz made the motion to approve the waiver, Jim Vena seconded. Waiver was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Berkowitz: Yes, Bokach: Yes, Gooding: Yes, Hooven: Yes, Textores: Yes, Vena: Yes

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

A. The Board reviewed the most recent report.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – OLD BUSINESS

- A. Solid Waste N.O.V., B17, L18- 490 Sergeantsville Rd – Michael Textores stated that they had 20 days to clean up the site. No further update.
- B. Suspect Kennel, B33, L18- 148 Lower Creek Road – A second letter sent from the Hunterdon County Board of Health. No further update.
- C. Illegal dumping, B7, L16 Q0073- 31 Stone Signpost Road – No update.
- D. Soil Remediation, B2, L2- 901 Route 579 – Letter received from the State of New Jersey DEP reporting termination of the Soil Remedial Action Permit.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Katie reviewed the Health LINCIS reports with the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Katie Hooven stated that the Board should discuss whether to keep meetings on Zoom or in person next month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Members moved, seconded and unanimously approved a motion to enter into Executive Session. The board was in executive session from 8:01pm until 8:09pm to discuss personnel matters.

Members moved, seconded and unanimously approved a motion to return to Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Members moved, seconded and unanimously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Crivelli
Board of Health Secretary

cc: Township Committee