

## **STOCKBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**AUGUST 16, 2021**

### **Minutes**

Present: Charles Kenny, Henry Schwerner, Rae Williams, Jim Wiluz (Tri-Town Health Dept.), Clarence Fanto, Michael Canales, Steve Mack(?) and Adam Mesentini(?) from Foresight Engineering, Abutters- Bill Latrel(?), Tom Fining(?)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kenny at 10 AM.

1. Jim Wilusz read the Zoom Meeting and CTSB instructions.
2. Chairman Kenny asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 6/3/2021 meeting. All have reviewed the minutes and a motion was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.
3. Election of officers: Dr. Kenny was reelected to continue as chairman, Dr. Henry Schwerner was reelected to continue as secretary.
4. Public Hearing: A public hearing was opened by Chairman Kenny and Jim Wilusz gave some background for this hearing. There is a request from Foresight Engineering about 4 variance submitted for a well instillation at 20 Mahkeenac Shores Road. These are the 4 variances;
  - 1 The proposed well does not meet the 30 foot set back from the property line and a 4 foot setback is proposed.
  - 2 The regulations states that a well must be 25 feet from any public way, the applicant asked for 12 feet.
  - 3 The placement must be 25 feet from a driveway the applicant asked for 3 feet.
  4. The placement must 200 feet from any underground storage tank, the applicant asked for 31 feet.

Abutter notification was said to be done and verification of this needs to be in the application. Other issues include; better definition of the slurry pit associated with the well and well head protection. The underground storage tanks are used for propane storage. Mr. Loutrel, an abutter, questioned how near the proposed well will be from his well and will water be drawn from his well. Also, will the proposed well be near his underground propane tank?

The Board was asked to weigh in on these variances. Dr. Schwerner stated that we need more information to make decisions on these variances and a continuance of the hearing is needed. Rae Williams agreed. Jim Wilusz also stated that Mahkeenac Shores Rd. was a private road and therefore they must be notified and brought into this discussion. Dr. Kenny asked Jim Wilusz to send the appropriate regulations to the board members. The public hearing was adjourned, Mr. Canales stated that the a date needs to be set for a continuance of the hearing. Monday 8/30/2021 at 10 AM will be the continuance of the hearing.

5. Stockbridge Bowl Monitoring Updates: Dr. Kortman, from GZA, has given some data from their water quality studies related to Cyanobacteria. Oscillatoria is the main form of Cyanobacteria in the lake and has increased from 46,000/cc to 250,000/cc. Oscillatoria comes out later in the year than other forms when the lake water is cooler and it is less toxic than other forms. This years lake is not as stratified as before and is more prone to mixing and therefore more prone to blooms. This years lake is cooler than before which favors less of a chance of a bloom.

6. Age Friendly Updates: Rae Williams talked about the transfer station not having a designated area for older or handicapped persons who have problems coping with the stations setup. Micheal Canales will work on this along with the Select Board and will get back to us for our next meeting. Jim Wilsuz suggested getting documents from Berkshire Regional Planning of studies they have promoting health life styles and Age Friendly Berkshires.

7. TTHD Updates: Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative is up and running. Dr. Kenny has said he will be the Medical Director. Rae Williams has helped getting 2 nurses on board to work with the Collaborative. Covid advisories need to be considered and other boards health, in the area, are putting out advisories. Tri-Town Health Dept. will get a meeting together so that all three Boards of Health ( Lenox, Lee and Stockbridge ) can way in on advisories.

8. Chairman Kenny asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Minutes prepared by Henry Schwerner

Cc: Stockbridge Board of Health, Jim Wilusz (Tri-Town Health Dept.), Stockbridge Town Clerk, Stockbridge Town Administrator, Stockbridge Select Board.