

Stockbridge Board of Health Meeting

August 30, 2021

Present: Charles Kenny, Henry Schwerner, Rae Williams, Jim Wilusz (Tri-Town Health Dept.), Adam Mazzantini (Foresight Land Services), Bill Loutrell (Abutter), Beth Nathan, Vivian Greenberg, Louis Korman (Town Residents)

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Kenny at 10 AM.

1. Chairman Kenny asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 8/16/21 meeting. All have reviewed the minutes and a motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved.
2. Continuation of the 20 Mahkeenac Shores proposed well hearing: Jim Wilusz reviewed the issues left open from our last meeting. Dr. Kenny opened the public hearing. Adam Mazzantini from Foresight updated the plans and issues left open.
 1. The abutter notification has been documented for the application.
 2. Slurry pit design was described.
 3. Boulders will be placed to protect the well head.
 4. The neighbors well and their propane tank were identified.These plans were satisfactory to Jim Wilusz and he stated that he was fine with this application. Mr. Loutrell expressed concern that new well might effect his wells water supply. Jim Wilusz stated that in his experience he has not seen a new well at this distance from the existing well cause a decrease in the existing well water supply. However, he could speak to the legalities of this issue. Mr. Loutrell seemed satisfied with this discussion. The public hearing was closed. Jim Wilusz recommended that we approve this proposal. A motion was made to approve, was seconded, and the motion was approved by the board.
3. Lake Drive Septic Issues: Many homes on Lake Drive are on septic systems rather than sewer and there have been issues with some of these systems. These systems are close to the Stockbridge Bowl and the question of system failures and bowl issues have come up. The question of sewer expansion to the area as well as a possible large group septic system was discussed. Beth Nathan stated the the Sewer and Water Commission does not have Lake Drive in its 5 year plan and she wanted to see if the Board of Health could take this up. Dr. Kenny wondered if shared system would leak nutrients in the bowl. Kripalu was brought up as a large septic system and Jim Wilusz stated the DEP regulates this system and he could ask if leaching nutrients into the bowl occurs. Beth Nathan stated the Lake Drive Board feels the a shared system would just push to problem down the road and would like to pursue the sewer system rather than a shared system. This issue will be kept on our agenda.
4. Age Friendly Updates: The response of Berkshire Regional Planning is that all their information is on their web site. Jim Wilsuz will send us the link to this web site. Jim will also send Mike Canales' contact info so that we can further discuss the issues brought up at our last meeting regarding the Transfer Station.
5. Covid-19 Issues: Tri-Town will have a meeting on Sept. 2nd to discuss masking and other issues related the Covid. It was stated the Tri-Town does not have the man power to enforce any proposed mandates and this must be taken into consideration, as the state in the past has enforced its mandated. Dr. Louis Korman stated that education and recommending appropriate masking appears to be the way to go rather than mandates. He also pointed that

asymptomatic vaccinated people can carry the same load of the Delta Variant of Covid as unvaccinated ill people and this is a big the problem.

6. New Business: Dr. Schwerner stated the the remote and hybrid meetings, that we have had since the beginning of the pandemic, have been excellent way to include more people in our discussions. He expressed hope that we and all the town boards and commissions continue this type of meeting. These meetings are easier to record and get up on CTSB. They promote education of and input from our population. Jim Wilusz agreed that there has been increased participation secondary these remote and hybrid meeting and recommended that if we pass a resolution we should send it our Sate Representatives. A motion was made and seconded and approved to continue these hybrid meeting indefinitely.

7. Chairman Kenny adjourned the meeting at 10:55 AM.

Minutes prepared by Henry Schwerner

Cc: Stockbridge Board of Health, Jim Wilusz, Stockbridge Town Clerk, Stockbridge Town Administrator, Stockbridge Select Board.