

Town of Lakeville
Board of Health
July 7, 2021

Members present: Chairman Maxim, Member Spratt, Member Poillucci and Health Agent Ed Cullen. Chairman Maxim called the meeting to order at 6pm. This meeting was recorded by LakeCam.

12 Central Ave. - Meet with SFG Associates to discuss requested local upgrades. Steve Gilbert from SFG was present for discussion. This is a septic repair and they are proposing a new 1500-gallon septic tank going to a distribution box and a leaching area of three rows of seven chambers each of Quick Four Plus chambers. They are proposing five-feet to be excavated around the system with a poly barrier around the whole system itself. They are asking for: the septic tank to be six-feet from the westerly property line instead of the required ten-feet. To allow the septic system itself to be nine-feet from the westerly property line instead of the required ten. To allow the septic tank to be five-feet from the bump out in the foundation crawl space instead of the required ten-feet. To allow the SAS to be five-feet from the crawl space wall rather than the required ten-feet. To allow the septic tank to be four-feet from the existing water line instead of the required ten-feet, also to allow the SAS to be 74-feet from a well. They will require a deed restriction to be recorded limiting the property to two-bedrooms. Chairman Maxim said they were proposing H2O on the tank and asked if they were proposing steel covers. Since it will be in the driveway, steel covers will be used and a note would be made for the installer. Chairman Maxim asked if the water line was the new line or the old one. Mr. Gilbert said it was an old line. There was a discussion about the water line. Chairman Maxim suggested sleeving the sewer pipe.

Upon a motion made by Member Poillucci, seconded by Member Spratt, it was:

Voted: to approve the six local upgrades and approve the system with the additional conditions of steel covers on the H2O tank and the pipe between the house and the septic tank is sleeved in a bigger pipe at 12 Central Ave.

Unanimous approval.

15 Montgomery St. - New stable permit. Agent Cullen said this is a request for a new stable permit. They are asking for a waiver from the paddock to the property line. In this case, the property line is adjacent to Beland Stables which also has horses. The only concern would be the location of the manure pile which is in a Zone-A. There is a stream behind that goes through to the reservoir. There is a 200-foot offset from that which is somewhat restrictive. Chairman Maxim said moving it outside the Zone-A would be the best. Sometimes within the Zone-A, they ask for them to be covered. Agent Cullen explained that if you're going to have a manure pile which is upgrading from a stream, you would have to take certain provisions to keep it there, if it were the only location. One of the easier things to do is just relocate it so it's outside of the 200-foot offset. The applicant said the plan was to scoop it into a dump trailer and haul it away. Agent Cullen explained that if you had a big rain, the rain would take some of it down, unless it was an impermeable dump trailer. Chairman Maxim said there's 70,000sf so it's more than enough for the two horses. He was also fine with the fence being closer to the property line. The abutting neighbors were present and in support of the stable permit. The Animal Inspector did do an inspection but the barn isn't there yet, so he will have to do another inspection when the barn is built.

Upon a motion made by Member Spratt, seconded by Member Poillucci, it was:

Voted: to approve the new stable permit application for 15 Montgomery St. with the variance from 20-feet off the property line setback to five-feet, contingent upon final inspection by the Animal Inspector and the manure pile get moved to a location outside of the Zone-A.

Unanimous approval.

Review and approve meeting minutes for February 17, 2021 as typed -

Upon a motion made by Member Spratt, seconded by Member Poillucci, it was:

Voted: to approve the February 17, 2021 meeting minutes as typed.

Unanimous approval.

Review and approve meeting minutes 43D Public Hearing March 18, 2021 as typed - Continued from June 2, 2021. This was not a Board of Health meeting; Board member Chris Spratt was present. These minutes do not need approval by Board of Health.

Continued discussion regarding water test regulations for septic repair or upgrade - There was a brief discussion regarding regulation for existing tanks that requires the replacement of a 1,000-gallon septic tank after 20-years on a repair. The Board would like to change that to any tank, a septic tank, grease trap, pump tank, any type of tank. A variance can still be given by the Board. Member Poillucci asked if the water test was required by DEP. Agent Cullen said no, they only deal with the septic because a lot of towns don't have wells. Lakeville is the one who requires the water test to be part of the Title 5 because when you buy a house in Lakeville you want to know what quality of water you have. There was a discussion about certificates of compliance. The public hearing will be August 18, 2021 regarding septic and well regulation changes.

Elliott Farms LLC - 202 Main St. Food Establishment license and Milk and Cream license. Member Spratt recused himself. Agent Cullen said the milk and cream is all set. The food establishment was inspected and there were some things in the kitchen that still needed to be done, so this is pending a re-inspection. The re-inspection is scheduled for July 16th. They plan to have self-serve style coffee. The coffee will be made with bottled water since they don't have a public well, but in a self-serve style place, there is supposed to be a hand washing sink for the customers. There is one in the kitchen for employees but not for customers. They wanted to use the bathroom sink as the hand washing sink. So, can they use the bathroom sink or do they need to install a hand-washing sink where they do the self-serve coffee. Agent Cullen said there are older establishments that don't have the hand washing sinks, most new establishments are putting them in. The Board is allowed to waive this because the code says a convenient hand washing space, so the question is what is convenient. There was a discussion about hand washing options. Member Poillucci said he was ok with waiving the hand sink as long as people have a place to wash their hands if they want to and then they keep a bottle of hand sanitizer on the counter. Chairman Maxim asked if they had installed a new septic. Agent Cullen responded that they use part of the existing but they did put in a grease trap and new septic tank. They also expanded the leach field for the additional flow. Member Poillucci asked if they could approve contingent upon a re-inspection so they won't have to come back to a meeting. Agent Cullen said the main issue was the sink but since the Board can waive that, everything else will be pending the follow up inspection. Chairman Maxim asked about the separate milk and cream license. Agent Cullen said that was all set.

Upon a motion made by Member Poillucci, Chairman Maxim stepped down to second, it was:

Voted: to give Elliott Farm LLC at 202 Main Street a food establishment license subject to a passing reinspection by the Health Agent and with the waiver that they don't have to add a sink at the coffee station as long as they supply hand sanitizer at that location.

Discussion: Chairman Maxim said the re-inspection would be for the future expansion, not right now. This is for the coffee and out front.

Two in favor (Poillucci, Maxim), one abstention (Spratt)

Upon a motion made by Member Poillucci, Chairman Maxim stepped down to second, it was:

Voted: to approve the milk and cream license for Elliott Farm LLC at 202 Main St.

Two in favor (Poillucci, Maxim), one abstention (Spratt).

COVID-19 Update - Agent Cullen said for several months both Massachusetts and Lakeville had a good decline. Last week there were a few cases that brought our numbers up a little. We have not had a case in six days, so that's good news. What a lot of people are concerned about is the Delta variant. Massachusetts is doing pretty good, less than 10% of our cases are the Delta variant. The nationwide average is over 25% of cases are Delta variant. Some states are up around 80% of the new cases are Delta variants. The numbers double every two-weeks, so if we're saying 10%, by next week it will be over 20%. There are certain age groups that aren't being vaccinated now, and there are a number of cases in those age groups. Mainly the 20-29 year-olds is the biggest group right now. The Delta variant does seem to affect people differently. The symptoms are different, people say it's more like a cold whereas before you would lose your sense of taste and smell and right away you would know it's COVID. Agent Cullen said the vaccinations aren't 100%, but it will definitely help keep people out of the hospital and keep them alive.

EEE - Agent Cullen said there were no cases of EEE yet. The Town had a lot of property sprayed by truck. There has been no aerial spraying yet. They are currently doing surveillance, catching mosquitoes and catching birds who've been with the mosquitoes and just sampling.

Adjournment - (6:53pm)

Upon a motion made by Member Poillucci, seconded by Member Spratt, it was:

Voted: to adjourn

Unanimous approval.