Town of Lakeville Board of Health August 4, 2021

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

141 Rhode Island Rd. - new boarding stable permit. Agent Cullen said everything was in order with the application. The applicants are asking for a permit for eight horses. They have stalls for four right now and will be adding more barns later on. They will only have four horses to start, but they are asking to have a capacity of eight since that's what the land will support based on the stable regulations.

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

Voted: to approve the new boarding stable permit for eight horses. Four now, and four when there is an inspection after they are built at 141 Rhode Island Rd.

Unanimous approval.

<u>26 Johnson Drive</u> - Meet with Outback Engineering to discuss local upgrade requests. Chairman Maxim said Jason Youngquist from Outback Engineering asked that they open this, but continue to the next meeting.

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

Voted: to continue 26 Johnson Drive until the next meeting in two weeks. Unanimous approval.

<u>4 Devon Drive</u> - Meet with Foresight Engineering to discuss local upgrade requests. Chairman Maxim said that Darren Michaelis from Foresight asked that this be opened and continued to the next meeting.

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

Voted: to continue 4 Devon Drive until the next meeting in two weeks. Unanimous approval.

Betterment approval - 199 Rhode Island Rd, in the amount of \$28,113.00.

Upon a motion made by Member Poillucci, Chairman Maxim stepped down to second, it was: Voted: to approve the betterment for 199 Rhode Island Rd. in the amount of \$28,113.00. Unanimous approval.

Review and approve meeting minutes as typed -

- March 3, 2021
- March 17, 2021
- April 7, 2021

Upon a motion made by Member Poillucci, Chairman Maxim stepped down to second, it was: Voted: to approve the March 3, 2021 minutes as typed. Unanimous approval.

Upon a motion made by Member Poillucci, Chairman Maxim stepped down to second, it was: Voted: to approve the March 17, 2021 minutes as typed. Unanimous approval.

Upon a motion made by Member Poillucci, Chairman Maxim stepped down to second, it was: Voted: to approve the April 7, 2021 minutes as typed. Unanimous approval.

<u>Discuss recent BOH Agent pending items</u> - Agent Cullen said on the tight tank inspections, there are 18 people that did not do the annual inspection yet. Another letter will be sent out with a deadline of October 1, 2021 for inspections.

Member Poillucci mentioned there was a complaint that was not made in time for the meeting, and he wanted to make a motion to allow the Director of Inspectional Services (Nate Darling) to do an investigation on it and bring it back to the Board if necessary on the next meeting.

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

Voted: to allow the Director of Inspectional Services to investigate the validity of the complaint.

Unanimous approval.

EEE - Agent Cullen said there still hasn't really been any cases yet. They have been doing surveillance, and the mosquitoes are coming out now. It's possible there could be a case soon. Since it was a dry spring, it delayed the number of mosquitoes. Since the beginning of July, we've gotten a lot of rain and that's multiplied the number of mosquitoes.

COVID-19 - Agent Cullen said the Delta variant is taking hold in Massachusetts, especially in the last week. Hospitalizations are three times what they were three weeks ago. Lakeville had three more cases today. What we're seeing is a lot of younger people being affected, some even kids. Massachusetts has a much better vaccination rate that a lot of states, so although it's increasing, it's not the level it is in a lot of other states. Even the vaccinated can spread the variant, so people should take precautions. The CDC is recommending mask use, even for vaccinated people in indoor public spaces that are crowded. Agent Cullen said the variant is exploding in some states due to low vaccination rates. It is increasing rapidly in Massachusetts but, it's not exploding. Although it's not exploding, it will last for a while so we will get an increase and it'll be a steady increase over several months. It's not going to be two or three weeks of increasing cases then it's going to drop off. There are over two-million people in Massachusetts that are unvaccinated. In the previous winter, we took a lot of precautions and limited the number of cases. Now, we don't have those precautions and you're dealing with a variant that's twice as transmittable. About 74% of Massachusetts adults are vaccinated.

<u>Complaint</u> - Chairman Maxim said there was a complaint about the Lakeville Country Club and a water issue, not having water. Chairman Maxim said he and Agent Cullen are looking into the issue.

Adjournment - (6:17pm)

Upon a motion made by Member Poillucci, Chairman Maxim stepped down to second, it was: Voted: to adjourn Unanimous approval.