

Town of Lakeville  
Board of Health  
July 6, 2023 6:00pm

Members present: Chairman Spratt, Member Poillucci, Member Maxim, and Health Agent Ed Cullen. Chairman Spratt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. LakeCam was present to record.

**11 Apple House Road** - Discuss a complaint from a resident regarding a sewage pumping company. Agent Cullen explained that the owners of 11 Apple House Road called a septic pumper to come out and pump out their system. Normally, a check would be left on the door. The pumper went out and pumped the system and then realized there wasn't a check on the door. He then pumped the contents back into the tank. It isn't legal to pump out to a non-licensed facility. Agent Cullen called the company and they claimed it was a new employee who didn't know what he was doing. The homeowner claims that the pumper called the office and was told to pump it back into the tank. The owner and a supervisor of the company did come into the office to discuss the incident with Agent Cullen. They apologized to both Agent Cullen and the homeowners. Agent Cullen said one of the homeowners arrived at the house and asked the pumper what he was doing, and then they pumped it back out again. The fact that they fixed it isn't the problem. The trucks have 5,000-gallon tanks and they're pumping out 1,500-gallons, so there's other stuff in the tank. If they pumped more into the tank than they took out and went above the outlet, everything mixing up and going into the field can damage the field. Chairman Spratt thought they should wait for a recorded meeting for discussion. There may be other people out there that this has happened to.

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

Voted: to continue to the next meeting.

Unanimous approval.

**Discuss changes to the Lakeville Board of Health Regulations pertaining to subsurface disposal systems and water** - Member Poillucci suggested they continue this discussion at the next meeting.

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

Voted: to continue to the next meeting.

Unanimous approval.

**Discuss Fire Station Building project** - Town Administrator, Ari Sky, and Select Board Member Lorraine Carboni, joined the discussion. Member Poillucci said that at the last Select Board's meeting, it was stated the Board of Health was not allowing the expansion of the fire station. He said that wasn't true. Chairman Spratt said they had not received a proposed plan. Member Poillucci said there was plenty of room and they accounted for extra employees when they installed the septic. If they expand down there, they wouldn't even have to come to the Board of Health. Member Maxim added that it was sized for 30 employees. Member Poillucci said they had talked about adding a meeting room vs. public safety. Right now, that septic can handle 30 people at a time in the building. Ms. Carboni said the question that needs to be answered is how would we utilize the current space to build a new fire station. Chairman Spratt said there would need to be a proposed plan presented to the Board to give an accurate answer.

Mr. Sky said there were aspects of the way things were handled, the conversation, that in hindsight were less than ideal. Silverttech wasn't going to give the Board proposed plans, that wasn't part of the project. They were supposed to be approaching the Health Department about what would the septic need to look like, and what could be accommodated with the current system. That got muddled a bit and was not handled as well as it could have been. Chairman Spratt said the feasibility study was done before he even came before the Board. Agent Cullen said they originally thought they could increase the flow and it wasn't an issue. It was made clear to them that increasing the flow, while not impossible, was a problem. Ms. Carboni asked Mr. Sky how many employees there were now. Mr. Sky didn't remember the number. Ms. Carboni said they have those numbers which included the employees in the historic library. There are still a lot of questions out there, even after the feasibility study. She was still not convinced they couldn't utilize whatever space is there. We have a need for a new fire station, the need for a new town hall or renovation of town hall, is not a need at the moment. We can still function as we are, but need to keep that on our radar. We want to do the right thing for the town, financially and service-wise. It's hard to chair a committee without knowing where the fire station location will be. A septic design could also be contingent on a location. Member Poillucci said they wouldn't even be having this meeting if it wasn't said at a Select Board meeting that the Board of Health wouldn't let them expand the fire station. Ms. Carboni said with a project manager on board, of the three possible locations in the feasibility study, they have someone to help facilitate and bring all the pieces together. If they're looking at the space at Ted Williams, the Parks Department will need to be involved as well as Natural Heritage. There is a cost for Natural Heritage to come in and do their part. Member Poillucci said when this goes to town meeting, all these questions that they're talking about need to have an answer. There was a discussion about conference space at town hall. Mr. Sky said there was no conference space in town hall. Member Poillucci said if the meetings are for the employees, you aren't changing the load. If they wanted to do something like the police station, that's a different issue. There was meeting space at the senior center, the library and the police station. Member Maxim said he would be against that. It would be increasing flow for meetings. It's a zone-A, nobody else in town is allowed to do that. Mr. Sky said what they had gone to town meeting with was money for preliminary design for a fire station and town hall. At town meeting, the preliminary design for town hall was voted down. All they have is money for the fire station. If they had money for both, they would have found a way to work the two in parallel and reassessed the location and everything else. There would have been more flexibility. Now all we have is direction to build a fire station. Ms. Carboni asked if the fire station in the current location with meeting space for 30 people, or even 25. Is that something the Board of Health would support? It would be meeting space at night. Member Poillucci said if it was under 30 people at a time in the building it would be fine. Agent Cullen said, you still have fire department there. It's a night, so it's a smaller staff, but the load for a meeting space is much lower. There was continued discussion about town hall space.

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

Voted: to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator explaining how many gallons per day its designed for and that the Board of Health is not currently in favor or against because there is nothing proposed, but expansion could be done on that site up to so many gallons. The Fire Station Building Committee will be copied.  
Unanimous approval.

**Adjournment** - (6:30pm)

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

Voted: to adjourn.

Unanimous approval.