

Town of Lakeville
Board of Health
October 4, 2023 6:00pm

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

6 Beechtree Drive - Meet with Outback Engineering Inc. to discuss requested Local Upgrade Approvals. Jason Youngquist from Outback was present for discussion along with contractor Frank Alizio. Mr. Youngquist said this was the house that burned down back in February. This property has a cesspool in the water table. They are proposing a 3500-gallon tight tank due to lot limitations. They are meeting with Conservation next week since they are within the buffer zone to the pond. Chairman Spratt asked where the driveway was located. Mr. Youngquist said the plan they submitted to the Board did not show the driveway. They did revise the plan for Conservation because they wanted some notes on it about the disturbed area being loamed and seeded, so they added the driveway on the plan. He distributed revised copies that showed the driveway. Member Maxim said if in the future they wanted a new treatment system, the Board has allowed it. Agent Cullen said he did look at the well when they were doing the perc, and it is pretty far away, but with a fire like that he recommended testing the well. Mr. Alizio said they planned on pumping it off and testing it.

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

Voted: to approve the local upgrade of a reduction of the required setback between the proposed tight tank and surface water supply from 400' to 95' per 310 CMR.
Unanimous approval.

Recommend to the Select Board to appoint Gabby Almeida and Shallyn Rodriguez as new Shared Services Health Specialists for the period of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024 - Agent

Cullen said every town in Massachusetts is now part of a collaborative. Lakeville is in a group with about six other towns. What they do is hire personnel for that group, and we share them. They do both food inspections and Title 5. They don't have a lot of experience in Title 5 right now, but we're working with them and getting them up to speed and they're supposed to cover for us. All the other towns are doing it, it's Westport, Rochester, Freetown, Mattapoisett, and Marion in the group and they will be shared with all of those towns. Member Maxim asked if the town had to pay for those services. Agent Cullen said the State pays their salaries.

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

Voted: to recommend to the Selectmen to appoint Gabby Almeida and Shallyn Rodriguez as our new Shared Services Health Specialists for the period of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024.
Unanimous approval.

Discuss recent BOH Agent's pending items - Agent Cullen said they have tested 26 mosquitoes for EEE, with the closest one being in Raynham. Prior to this it was out in Southern Worcester County, but now it's in our area. Hopefully there will be a frost. It's usually in October, but given the weather, it's tough

to know when it's going to come. There are no human cases of EEE, but there have been 3 cases of West Nile. But, West Nile is a lot less deadly. With EEE, it's a 50% mortality rate, 50% of people will die, the other 50% will have long-term consequences. Since it is in our area now, residents are urged to take extra precautions with mosquitoes.

There was a brief discussion regarding the regulation changes and the public hearing. The regulation changes will be posted on the Board of Health website.

Announcements - Chairman Spratt said the Board of Health would like to inform the town residents that the yearly animal inspections will be proceeding and be conducted by the Lakeville Animal Inspectors from now until the end of the year. Chairman Spratt said the legal notice for the public hearing would be in the paper this week and next week. The hearing is for the proposed changes to the Board of Health regulations pertaining to subsurface disposal systems and water. The proposed changes are either available online or from the office of the Board of Health during business hours.

Covid - Member Maxim asked if there was an increase in Covid cases. Agent Cullen said that they go by hospitalizations now, so it's tough to follow how much is out there. The number of hospitalizations had increased, but was no leveling off. Usually, Halloween starts the increase in cases, followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas. Agent Cullen said the Board of Health does have some tests. He said the federal government was offering 4 tests. There is a link on the Board of Health website to request test kits.

Adjournment - (6:26pm)

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

Voted: to adjourn.

Unanimous approval.