

BOH Meeting Minutes 9/19/18 (6:00pm)

Present were: Agent Bernardo, Chairman Maxim, and Members Spratt and Poillucci. Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. LakeCam was present to record.

202 Rhode Island Rd - Betterment approval.

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

Voted: to approve the betterment loan for 202 Rhode Island Rd. in the amount of \$23,835.00.

Unanimous approval.

55 Loon Pond Rd - meet to discuss variance request regarding bedroom design. Dana Menzel (homeowner) was present for discussion. Member Poillucci said that Building Inspector Nate Darling had forwarded rough sign-offs and a letter. He believed it was originally permitted for four bedrooms. There was a review of the plans.

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

Voted: to approve the new septic plan dated July 30, 2018 revised August 21, 2018 with the three variances shown on the plan with a four bedroom deed restriction.

Two in favor (Maxim, Poillucci), one nay (Spratt) (motion carried).

3 South Ave – Discussion on retention wall and septic system. Tom Morris from Outback Engineering was present for discussion. A complaint was made about the cement block retention wall that was constructed. A site visit was done by Agent Bernardo and Tom Morris. One of the surveyors from Outback Engineering went out and checked the height on the wall and it is taller than it needs to be. The contractor said he could take it down two blocks, so it will only be three high. It was proposed to be only 2-2 ½ feet tall; right now it's about 40" tall. Member Poillucci said he would like to see stucco put on the wall or some bushes planted to hide the wall. The wall is about 1' to the right of way, but about a few feet to the edge of the road. Member Poillucci said there were a lot of different ways they could make the wall look better and if the owner was present they could maybe come to an agreement. Chairman Maxim asked if they should wait and speak with the owner. Maybe he could speak with Agent Bernardo and see if they could come up with an idea. Structurally, the wall is sound so it can stay. Continued to the next meeting.

Health Inspector's report on non-compliance properties - Agent Bernardo said there were a few properties that he is dealing with now that has made some progress.

- A property involving a camper with someone living in it. He has left the property and Agent Bernardo has seen no evidence of activity. He is working with the owner to clean up that property.
- Another property has excessive clutter. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors needed to be installed. They have been installed, and a dumpster has been brought to the property. Agent Bernardo will continue to monitor the property. If it needs to be condemned or vacated, it can be done with an emergency order. There would be a hearing and if the Board feels the property needs to be condemned or vacated, it can be placarded. Member Spratt asked if this was a rental property. Agent Bernardo said it was. The tenant has been evicted and they are going through that process now. Agent Bernardo can't inspect the property until it is cleaned up. One dumpster has already been filled and another dropped off. Member Poillucci asked why this isn't being dealt with in housing court. Agent Bernardo said the owners are trying that now. In the meantime, it's the Board of Health's responsibility to make sure the violations are documented and followed through. The Judge will not seek enforcement; it's the BOH's job to get compliance. They will be calling Agent Bernardo for an inspection. There was a discussion regarding the violation process.

EEE announcement - Agent Bernardo read the statement from the State:

STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE FIRST EEE-POSITIVE MOSQUITO OF THE SEASON

Residents urged to take personal precautions to avoid getting bitten

BOSTON (September 19, 2018)—The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced that Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus has been detected in a mosquito in Massachusetts for the first time this year, following testing completed at the Massachusetts State Public Health Laboratory.

The mosquito samples were collected on August 17 in the town of Lakeville in Plymouth County. This single finding does not indicate elevated risk from EEE at this time, but personal protection from mosquitoes remains a high priority. Mosquito trapping and testing will continue in the area to monitor risk.

There have been no human cases of EEE so far this year and none acquired by a Massachusetts resident in 2017.

"We have been fortunate over the last several years to see little evidence of EEE activity," said Public Health Commissioner Dr. Monica Bharel, MD. MPH. "Despite that, we know EEE occurs in Massachusetts and this is a timely reminder of that fact."

“The drought in 2015 through 2016 reduced the species of mosquitoes that are responsible for amplifying EEE virus in the bird population,” said State Epidemiologist Dr. Catherine Brown.

“The last couple of years have been rebuilding years and our job will be to continue to closely monitor EEE activity through the mosquito surveillance done in conjunction with the Mosquito Control Districts.”

EEE is a rare but serious and potentially fatal disease that can affect people of all ages. EEE is generally spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label.

DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly-fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Horse, llama and alpaca owners should keep animals in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to DAR, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795 and to the Department of Public Health (DPH) by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito or by calling the DPH Epidemiology Program at 617-983-6800.

Flu Clinic announcement - September 28, 2018 from 11:00am -1:00pm at the Lakeville Senior Center (1 Dear Crossing) in conjunction with Walgreens.

Review and approve Board of Health meeting minutes from August 15, 2018 as typed -

Upon a motion made by Member Spratt, seconded by Member Poillucci, it was:
Voted: to approve the meeting minutes from August 15, 2018 as typed.
Unanimous approval.

Review and approve Board of Health meeting minutes from September 5, 2018 as typed –
Continued to next meeting.

Adjournment -

Upon a motion made by Member Poillucci, seconded by Member Spratt, it was
Voted: to adjourn
Unanimous in favor