

Town of Lakeville
Board of Health
December 15, 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.

30 Staples Shore Rd - Meet with Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC to discuss local upgrade approval requests. Jamie Bissonnette from Zenith was present for discussion. The request is for a reduction from the septic tank and leaching field to the wetland bordering a tributary. Chairman Maxim agreed that it was really the only location the system could go. There is a public well across the street for the Mullein Hill School. All Board members agreed that this was the best spot.

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

Voted: to approve the subsurface sewage disposal system upgrade at 30 Staples Shore Rd. with the two local upgrade approval requests.

Unanimous approval.

26 Clear Pond Rd - Meet with Foresight Engineering to discuss local upgrade approval requests. Darren Michaelis from Foresight was present for discussion. This is a proposed septic system primarily in the same location. The older system was a pit within 100' of the well. The proposed plan is 65' from their own well, and 63' from the abutting that is upgradient. The alternative to get further from the upgradient well would have put them closer to the one that is downgradient. Mr. Michaelis thought this was the best situation and they meet the groundwater separation. Both the locus and abutting wells are deep. The well at 24 is shallow with a large concrete cover and is 103' away downgradient. Chairman Maxim thought they could push it closer to the back property line and get a variance. It's at 12' so if you go down to 5' you're 7' further. Mr. Michaelis said it was the same abutter and he didn't think they would have a problem with it. Agent Cullen said if the waiver for the property line is included, the paperwork can be done later. It would be an approval subject to submitting a new plan later and they wouldn't have to come back for another meeting.

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

Voted: to approve the sewage disposal system upgrade design at 26 Clear Pond Road with the two local upgrade requests with the caveat that the leaching field will be slid closer to the rear property line. That upgrade variance will be given pending revised plans that Agent Cullen will approve.

Unanimous approval.

3 Hollis Ave - Meet with Foresight Engineering, Inc to discuss local upgrade approval request. Darren Michaelis from Foresight was present for discussion. The property owner provided paperwork showing that they have paid for the betterment to be tied in to year-round water. The property has been sold and they have a septic system but no water. They are asking for a waiver to be within 100' of two septic systems to install an emergency well. As soon as they can tie in to the year-round water supply, the well

will be disconnected from the house and can be used as an irrigation well or disconnected completely. The two septic systems that were within 100' are the locus well and the abutters whose septic is within 100' of their own well. Chairman Maxim said this was always a seasonal property on an under 20,000 square foot lot. Mr. Michaelis said the property was sold with the paid betterment promising water. Member Spratt asked if the seasonal water was the older or newer system and was it still functioning. Agent Cullen said the seasonal water is shut off. Mr. Michaelis said they haven't had a water source since July. Chairman Maxim asked if it was going to be turned back on or did they just discontinue that. Mr. Michaelis responded that it had been discontinued and the new lines have begun to be laid. Chairman Maxim said it's an undersized lot and they weren't designed to have a well and septic on it. Member Spratt said even though it is temporary, how temporary will it be. Mr. Michaelis said the problem is that these properties are being sold as 'year-round' because they had a water supply promised to them. Mr. Michaelis made the argument that it would just be their septic and the abutters, and all the abutting properties around us already have wells. They are undersized, but so are all the others, and they all have cesspools. This property has a new septic and the abutting septic next door is brand new as well. So, the two septics that are within 100' are brand new, and there are 7 wells within 100' of cesspools. Chairman Maxim made the point that those were pre-existing. Member Poillucci said some of the seasonal lines are over the ground. Agent Cullen said they do have a very good water source through DEP, wells monitored by DEP regularly. To allow them a well that would have two systems within 100' upgradient, it's definitely a riskier water source than what they have now, and that's concerning. Chairman Maxim said that the Board has granted well permits for lots that have already had wells on them subject to connecting to the water supply when the line comes down.

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

Voted: to deny the proposed well plan for 3 Hollis Ave.

Unanimous

Review and approve meeting minutes as typed - August 18, 2021

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

Voted: to continue until the next hearing.

Unanimous approval.

Covid 19 update - Agent Cullen said that cases are increasing rapidly, starting after Halloween and really exploded after Thanksgiving and rising since then. Lakeville, Freetown and Berkley have been seeing really high rates. This area is considerably higher than the rest of the state. With the new variant the data shows there was 30% less hospitalizations, but this is spreading really fast. In Massachusetts now, about 3% of the cases are Omicron, but it's doubling every 2-3 days. Boosters are the best protection against both Omicron and Delta. One study said about 70% of people getting cases right now are unvaccinated people and 30% are vaccinated. For boosters, it's less than 1%. With Omicron coming, more people are going to get it, even some boosted people. With a booster shot the vaccines are up to 75% effective. Without the booster, it's 30-35%. Residents that are home-bound are urged to call the Board of Health for an in-home vaccination in conjunction with the Fire Department. There was a brief discussion about free in-home test kits. The Fire Department will be giving booster shots next week. They will be doing Johnson & Johnson boosters on Tuesday and then Moderna boosters on Wednesday. Regardless of whether you had a Johnson & Johnson booster or Moderna, they're offering both vaccines. The only one they're not offering is Pfizer.

Adjournment - (6:26)

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

Voted: to adjourn

Unanimous approval.