**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**August 31, 2023**

Chair, Steve Fram opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. In attendance was Board Members, Ginny King and Elaine Byrne. Also present was the Health Director, Deborah Rogers.

9 Moulton Street - Bob Grasso from Engineering Land Services requested the following variances: 1.) A Percolation Test is required in the proposed S.A.S. Area due to the wet conditions of the soils, a variance is requested to send the soils for lab analysis. 2.) Leachfield set back from the private well from the required 100’ to 61’ provided, with the use of a pre-treatment Presby Enviro system. 3.) Leachfield set back from the inground pool from the required 20’ to 18’ provided, with a poly liner. Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection allows a variance from an Abutter’s well as long as the Abutter has been notified about the hearing by certified mail. Bob Grasso explained to the Board that he mailed a certified copy and a copy first class. The Abutter called him and said she received the first class copy but never picked up the certified copy at the post office. The Board asked Bob to have the Abutter sign the certified green card and submit it to the Board of Health for the record. Motion was made by Ginny King to accept the variance requested as submitted, with the contingency of submitting the signed certified mail card. Seconded by Elaine Byrne, and voted unanimously.

293 High Road –The proposed septic design plan was approved at last months meeting. However, the new design plan has been reflected to more accurately depict the coastal bank from 50’ to 23’. Motion was made by Ginny King to accept the variance requested as submitted. Seconded by Elaine Byrne, and voted unanimously.

Discussion- Newbury Residents Carolyn Casey and Kathleen Downing submitted their concerns to the Board regarding rat bait stations. Their concerns about rodenticide used throughout the town and town property is the deadly ramifications to "nontarget" wildlife,

which include hawks, owls, eagles, foxes, etc. Health Director Deb Rogers did some research and agreed this is an issue however, the local Board of Health does not have the authority to ban this rodenticide. All parties agreed this issue should be addressed at the higher level (state & federal agencies). The Newbury Resident stated a proposed regulation is already in the works, regarding rodenticide and hopefully it will be approved soon. In the meantime, the Board of Health agreed to further research the Exterminators contracts of the bait boxes used on town property. In addition, Chair Steve Fram, would like to require all bait boxes to be labeled with the MSDS information. In addition, The Board of Health will continue to educate homeowners on how to eliminate the rat population by being proactive on eliminating food sources.

Motion was made by Ginny King to accept the minutes of the meeting for August 3, 2023 as revised; it was seconded by Elaine Byrne and voted unanimously.

Next Board of Health meeting scheduled for 9/21/2023.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Deborah Rogers