**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**August 5, 2021**

Chair Steve Fram opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Present were Board Members Alba Gouldthorpe, Elaine Byrne, Health Director, Deborah Rogers and Health Inspector, Virginia Bacon.

**20 Old Pine Island Road –**  Bob Grasso, from Environmental Engineering Services,   
requested the following septic variances to the Board: 1.) Reduction to groundwater separation to bottom bed of S.A.S. from 4’required to 2’ provided with Presby Treatment System. 2.) Percolation Test required in proposed S.A.S. area to soil lab analysis. 3.) Leach area setback to cellar wall from 20’required to 16’ provided with Poly-liner. A motion was made by Alba Gouldthorpe, to accept the above variances as submitted; it was seconded by Elaine Byrne and voted unanimously.

**Health Director’s/Updates & Report –** Allen Berry showed up at the meeting along with the homeowner, Linda Nielson from 22 Seaview Lane to discuss here well water. The well water quality is getting worse with salt. The summer is worse than the winter months when everyone is using water outside. What about an osmosis system the board had asked, the owner already has a small one and still has salt. Steve Fram, recommended a double fiberglass tank. The homeowner is going to look into hooking into Newburyport town water.

**Update on a Middle Road Resident**  - Every Tuesday @ 2:00 p.m. the Health Agent/Inspector goes out to the property to check the Hoarding progress. Based on the inspections conducted the inspections revealed progress. Pettengill House and Merrimack Elder Services are working on resources, which include, new appliances, roof repair and cleaning services. The Elder Services sincerely thanked the Board of Health on working with the Homeowners to fix this situation rather than ordering an Emergency Condemnation. The Board of Health will continue to work with them as long as they continue to show weekly progress/improvement.

**Nurse Contract**  – FY22 Public Health Nurse contract with a 5% annual increase. A motion was made by Alba Gouldthorpe, to accept the Public Health Nurse contract for FY22; it was seconded by Elaine Byrne and voted unanimously.

**Hazardous Waste Days** – A Resident called asking if the BOH would hold another Hazardous Waste Day. Health Director, Deborah Rogers will look into the budget for the spring and if not look into budget for the following fall.

Motion was made by Elaine Byrne to accept the minutes of the meeting for July 8, 2021, 2020, it was seconded by Alba Gouldthorpe, and voted unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting September 9, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Virginia Bacon