Minutes of the Dover Board of Health - August 3, 2020
Held remotely via zoom

Present: Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman; Stephen Kruskall, M.D., Member; Kay Petersen, M.D., member; Michael Angieri, Septic Systems Agent; Felix Zemel, Well Agent

Guests: Carol Lisbon, Daryl Beardsley, Vinny O’Brien, Chip Spalding, Steven Nohrden, Katherine O’Connor, Terrance O’Connor, Wendy Bornstein, Robert Andrews

1. Meeting called to order 7:03 pm.

2. A motion was made by Dr. Kruskall and seconded by Professor Clarke to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

3. 194 Claybrook - A permit was issued for a new irrigation well. The current irrigation well will be abandoned.

4. An application for a geothermal well was submitted but not issued as complete plans have not yet been received.

5. 105 Farm - The submitted title 5 inspection report noted that there was a discrepancy in the number of actual bedrooms listed at 7 and the approved 5 bedroom septic system design. Dr. Petersen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kruskall, for modifications to 2 bedrooms and a deed covenant stating the property is limited to a total of 5 bedrooms, to be signed by the owners and filed with the Norfolk County Registry of Deed, and to authorize Professor Clarke to sign the deed covenant on behalf of all Board members for this and other properties being addressed that evening. The motion passed unanimously.

6. 15 Farm - The submitted title 5 inspection report noted that there were 10 actual bedrooms on the property although the approved septic system plans called for a 7 bedroom design. The property owners will contact the Septic Systems Agent and then decide which rooms to modify such that there will be 7 bedrooms in the home. A deed covenant will be presented for approval by the Board at the next scheduled regular Board of Health meeting.

7. 1 Taylor - A complaint was received and concerns were raised by the Board that it had previously approved septic system plans for a 2 family house and not a structure that may be converted to condominiums. This property has many restrictions, including nitrogen limited and no ability to increase the number of bedrooms.

8. WRSC update:
- A level 2 drought has been declared in Massachusetts.
- There is a modification of the boil water order from the DEP for Colonial Water.
- The federal government is issuing loans (WIFIA) at very low interest rates for the building, maintenance and expansion of municipal water systems. This could be an important resource for the town should it want to tap into Elm Bank as a water source in the future. It was acknowledged that only the Board of Selectmen have the authority to decide if/how to proceed.

9. There was a discussion of the town’s athletic programs. The baseball program has been temporarily suspended while the Public Health Nurse waits for PCR test results from individuals who may have been in close contact with a positive Covid 19 case.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Karen R. Hayett