

Minutes of the
Carlisle Board of health
June 23, 2020
7:00 PM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION

AGENDA

Minutes of 6/10/20
Administrative Reports

Youth Summer Athletic Programs

- CCYB/S
- SkyHawks - Ryan Cutter

21-23 Bedford Road – Eric Adams

- Renewal of Expired Plan
- Well Modification Permit

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COVID-19 updates
Proposed Review of Fees

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm under remote participation. Present: Todd Thorsen (chairman), Cathy Galligan, Lee Storrs, Donna Margolies, Tony Mariano, Linda Fantasia (Health Agent). Also in attendance: Wanda Avril (Carlisle Mosquito), Peter Gambino, George Dimikarakos, Eric Adams, Douglas Sproule, Judy Hodges and other members of the public.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION for JUDY HODGES – the Board presented Hodges with a gift certificate to Weston Nurseries and a Certificate of Appreciation for the work she had done for the Board including numerous special projects and grants and managing the annual barn inspection. Hodges has worked part-time for the Board since 2016. Her position was recently terminated following the staff reorganization approved by the Selectmen. The Board wished her well and hoped that she might consider working on future special projects. Hodges expressed her gratitude for the gift and award.

MINUTES – It was moved (Galligan) and seconded (Storrs) to approve the Minutes of 6/10/20 as amended. Motion passed 5-0-0.

YOUTH SUMMER ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Concord Carlisle Youth Baseball and Softball (CCYB/S) – Peter Gambino appeared on behalf of the CCYBS Board of Directors with a COVID-19 Policy to control the spread of the virus in the summer program. Strict adherence will be required by all parents, players and coaches in order to participate in the summer program. There is specific guidance on Practice and Games, Player, Parent and Coaches responsibilities, Arrival and Departure Protocols, and Health Screening. Only drills and practices are allowed under the State’s Phase II Step 2 Reopening Plan; games will not be allowed until Phase III. A similar Policy has been approved by the Town of Concord for the use of town fields.

Gambino explained that the practices last from one to two hours depending on the age group which runs from 4th grade through high school. They will be held at Banta Davis. It is part of a reciprocal athletic agreement with the Town of Concord. The Policy is based on best practices of USA Softball Massachusetts. Typically there are eight players on the field with one or two coaches. Fantasia said the maximum number including staff cannot exceed twelve. This was recently increased from ten to be consistent with the camp guidance. Gambino said this would not be a problem. Groups can be adjusted accordingly. Each field will have a Safety Monitor, typically a Physical

Education teacher, to make sure the COVID Policies were being followed. Gambino asked if the Board had any concerns.

The Board recommended that the phrase “known to have COVID19” should be more specific. Fantasia suggested using the terms “Confirmed or Probable” in place of “known”. Gambino agreed to make the change. The Board also asked how CCYBS would be notified if a player became sick after a practice or a family member was diagnosed with COVID-19. Gambino said he would expect the parents to contact the coach as soon as possible. Players must pass a health screening each day which also includes family members. Players are also asked about potential exposures. The Board asked if there would be water for handwashing. Gambino said players are mandated to bring their own hand sanitizers (60% alcohol). There is no water on the field. The coaches will have additional supplies if needed. In response to a question about arrival and departure, Gambino said carpooling is not allowed. He has only observed single players being dropped off by a parent so far. It is up to the Safety Monitor to make sure players are not congregating when off the field. The same applies to parents. The Board then asked if there were restrooms at the field. Gambino said there are not but that the availability of restrooms is not a COVID-19 issue. Players are made aware of this ahead of the practice. Gambino said the Policy was not prepared by a medical consultant, but was prepared by the Board of Directors using the best practices and recommendations of USA Softball.

Fantasia explained that CCYBS does not require a camp permit. It is a regional athletic program sponsored by the towns and using town fields. The COVID-19 Policy is new this year. The purpose of tonight’s meeting is to review the COVID-19 Policy to be implemented. The Board agreed that the CCYBS Policy adequately addresses health risks associated with COVID-19. The Board will send a letter of recommendation to the Carlisle Recreation Department for use of the fields by CCYBS. Gambino noted that the Policy will be updated as needed based on the state’s implementation of its COVID Response Plan.

Skyhawks Sports Academy – The local representative was unable to attend the meeting. Skyhawks runs throughout the summer to provide a variety of skill-based programs for local youth. The Recreation Dept. helps with enrollment and field access but it is not part of the Municipal Summer Fun Program. The camp will run from 6/29/20 through 9/14/20 with two to three sessions per day. Group sizes are age dependent and there is a minimum enrollment required for a program to run. Fantasia explained that because Skyhawks is a private youth sports program and it requires a local permit under 105 CMR 430.00. Skyhawks submitted “Summer 2020 Camp Program Policies in Response to COVID19” which had been distributed to the Board. Fantasia will be checking compliance under the MA Camp Regulations prior to licensing. Medical and immunization forms still need to be checked along with CORI and SORI for the staff. The enrollment roster is not yet available but must meet the camper to staff ratio of one adult staff to every five campers six and under and one adult staff to every ten campers seven and older.

Board members questioned whether the disinfection product identified as Vallen was on the EPA’s list of approved disinfectants for killing the COVID-19 virus. Galligan was not able to find it. Thorsen wanted to be sure it was safe for use around children. Products can have different brand names and be a related or equivalent product but the EPA registration number should be the same. Skyhawks will be asked to verify that Vallen is on the approved list for killing the virus. The Board will also require the Safety Data Sheets. Fantasia will follow up with the camp representatives.

21-23 BEDFORD ROAD – In attendance were Eric Adams, owner, and George Dimikarakos of Stamski & McNary, Inc.

Adams had two requests for the Board: a permit to deepen the existing shallow well in the front yard and renewal of an expired permit to relocate the septic tanks to accommodate the new foundation. Currently the structure is under construction.

The permit to relocate the existing tanks expired on 3/8/20. A new permit is now required. Modifying the well will also require a permit. According to the Sewage Disposal Plan, 21-23 Bedford Road, Carlisle MA designed by Stamski & McNary, Inc., dated September 26, 2016 the existing well is less than 100’ from the existing leach field which is in the rear of the property. Adams apologized for missing the deadline on the extension request. Since no changes were proposed to the existing well or the leach field in 2016 in order to relocate the tanks, there was no

need for the Board to grant a waiver for existing conditions. However now that the well is being modified the question of granting a waiver must be decided.

Dimikarakos agreed that the well radius encroaches on the leaching field and suggested that the Board consider granting a waiver on the setback based on the fact that a design for a fully compliant replacement system was submitted to the Board a few years back when the renovations were under consideration. At best the waiver would be temporary until the new system was installed. The only alternative location for the well would be closer to the side lot line in the front of the property. Dimikarakos and Adams argued that this would infringe upon the abutter's property by casting the well radius onto that property. Adams said Derek Skillings of Skillings and Sons had checked the casing of the existing well and felt it was straight enough and in good enough condition to drill straight down. Skillings felt it was the best option.

Thorsen asked whether drilling a new well might create new fractures in the bedrock and risk the spread of MTBE caused by a petroleum release at the old Daisy Gasoline station. Mariano said deepening a well could also cause new fractures. It is difficult to predict what is happening within the bedrock. There are too many variables. When you go deeper you are accessing a different water source. Adams said the existing well has not shown any MTBE. Galligan asked Mariano if the Board should require annual testing of the well and if so, for what? Mariano said that if the water quality changed it would have to be treated. In addition to petroleum products, you might want to test for Nitrates which can indicate septic system failures and pollute drinking water.

Adams then informed the Board that he and his partner would be willing to move forward on submitting a septic system design for the Board's approval so that a new system could be installed in the near future if they were allowed to modify the existing well. This would bring both the well and system into full compliance. The Board inquired what the timetable would be and whether it would be done this year prior to the winter shut down of November 30th. Adams did not want to guarantee this because the work may be contingent upon finishing the structure which has a mid-January target date. He would also like to get the well work done as soon as possible so he can move forward on the house framing.

Board members agreed that there does not seem to be much benefit in moving the well if a new, fully compliant system will be installed within the year. Galligan noted that the owners would be undertaking a risk if the system could not be installed this year and had to wait until next spring. It could delay occupancy of the house. Dimikarakos said the Board had already seen the design in 2017 and did not expect changes. Rob Frado had reviewed the plan but it does not have full construction notes and details. It will need to be resubmitted. Fantasia noted that just before town hall started working remotely because of COVID, there was concern about stockpiling of materials over the existing leaching field during the excavation of the foundation. If the system was damaged, there would be no choice but to install a new one prior to occupancy.

The Board discussed whether a permit for deepening the existing well would need a waiver. The Board decided that once the new system is in, there will be no need for a waiver. The Board agreed to make the permit conditional upon designing and installing a new septic system and that the house cannot be occupied until this is done.

It was moved (Galligan) and seconded (Margolies) to issue a permit to deepen the existing well located at 21-23 Bedford Road, Carlisle, MA conditional upon the design and installation of a fully compliant soil absorption system and issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for the system prior to release of an Occupancy Permit for the dwelling. Motion passed 5-0-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Administrative Reports –

95 Hanover Road – Dr. Nouvellon, owner, contacted Fantasia on how to move forward with the septic installation for her property. She wants to know if any of the previous fees paid can be applied to the work moving forward. Three engineering firms have designed systems for the site. It is not clear which plan she wants the Board to consider. There is still the problem of the contaminated fill that must be removed before any work can be done.

The Board wants more information before setting up a meeting. Fantasia will check the fees paid and whether there is a credit balance.

52 East Street – The continued public hearing was tentatively scheduled for tonight but Rob Frado has not been able to complete his review. A pdf of a revised design using the Advanced Enviro Presby System was sent to Rob Frado but not a full size plan or a letter of explanation. The Board wants to move forward on the waiver requests because the system is in failure and breaking out. The owner was unable to find any information on the well and is having it evaluated by Skillings and Sons. It is expected that the plan will be before the Board at the next meeting.

COVID-19 – Fantasia reported that the numbers have not changed since early June – 15 Confirmed and 9 Probable. Many Health Departments are dealing with irate citizens and business owners over some of the state’s COVID-19 policies. The Department of Public Health (DPH) has contracted with CMG Associates (a psychological consulting firm) to support local health department staff and members of boards of health (BOH) in addressing challenges associated with the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no charge to access the services.

Fee Review – Galligan did not have any proposed fees for consideration. The fee analysis is an ongoing task as time allows. Fantasia noted that the Dept. of Public Works (DPW) needs to replace the septic system at the garage. Although testing and initial plans were done earlier in the year, the application was submitted the day after the Board changed the fee. The Board agreed that the fees are based on the cost of services. The town will need to pay the new fee.

Board Meetings: July 1, July 14, July 28.

Benfield Farms – Storrs had spoken with consultant David Formato who agreed to submit a report mid-July. Biweekly inspections of the leaching area are being done by Mal Nelson of NOAH and Rob Frado for the town. Board members have also visited the site. There is no evidence of breakout in the field. The system is only now coming under full flows since the tanks were mistakenly pumped down earlier in the month. The force main has been reconnected and the Perc-Rite system restarted.

Board Appreciation – In appreciation of his 7 years of service on the Board, the Board presented Lee Storrs with a gift certificate to Nashbar Cycling and a Certificate of Appreciation. Thorsen noted that the Board was very grateful to have Storrs engineering expertise and knowledge of Title 5. Prior to being on the Board of Health, Storrs had volunteered for a number of years on the School Building Committee. The Board thanked Storrs for his many years of volunteering for the town.

There was no further business. Meeting voted to adjourn at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Fantasia
Recorder