

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abuchowski stated that in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act this is a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Health as published in the Hunterdon Review, the agenda has been posted at the Municipal Building and distributed to the Hunterdon Review, the Courier News, the Express Times, the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Star Ledger.

ROLL CALL

Present – Abe Abuchowski Marc Laul Beverly Koehler
 Tom McKee Mike Schmidt

Absent - Assessor Erica Brandmaier

Also present – Secretary Karen Sandorse

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June 2, 2021 Meetings

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mayor Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Board approved the June 2, 2021 meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Board of Health opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Board of Health closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Septic System Alteration Waivers
Municipality: Lebanon Township
Block: 59 Lot: 45
Location: 101 Mountain Top Road

Engineer John Menilio of P.E. of Careaga Engineering and Mr. Bob Vaccarella of the Hunterdon County Health Department present.

Mr. Menilio stated that they are proposing a septic alteration to an existing system. The lot is oddly shaped and is somewhat confined. The existing system is non-conforming with separation distances. Mr. Menilio said that they designed the new system to be as conforming as possible but they are still in need of waivers. They are proposing a new system with a UV device prior to the pump tank so they can reduce the size of the field. They will be moving the system further away from the well, from 40 feet to 57 feet and also moving the system further away from the house, from 4 feet to 15 feet. Mr. Menilio noted that they are also proposing a 45-mil liner which will be installed around the field.

Mr. Menilio reviewed the below waiver requests as outlined in the HCHD June 11, 2021 letter.

1. The proposed disposal field will not be the minimum 100 feet from the existing well. The proposed disposal field is shown 56.7 feet from the existing well.
2. The proposed disposal field will not be the minimum 25 feet from the existing dwelling. The proposed disposal field is shown 15 feet from the existing dwelling.
3. The proposed disposal field will not be the minimum 25 feet from the neighbors dwelling on Lot 44.01. The proposed disposal field is shown 21.7 feet from Lot 44.01's dwelling.
4. A rock wall is proposed in lieu of the requirement of a 3:1 slope along the sides of the property lines since the proposed disposal field will not be able to have a 3:1 slope due to site limitations.

Mr. Menilio stated that the existing tank will be pumped and crushed. The 45-mil liner will not need to be replaced if buried and installed correctly.

Mr. Vaccarella stated that the Health Department will require that a UV light be installed on the well and a passing coliform test be obtained from a NJ certified laboratory.

Motion by Mayor Schmidt, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Board of Health granted the waiver requests, as outline in the HCHD June 11, 2021 correspondence, with a UV treatment being added prior to the pump tank and one on the well. A deed notice will need to be filed indicating the need for maintenance of the UV light on the well.

Septic System Alteration Waivers
Municipality: Lebanon Township
Block; 70 Lot: 8
Location: 79 Musconetcong River Road

Engineer Kurt Hoffman present.

Mr. Hoffman stated that the house is not for sale. The homeowners have been experiencing septic problems on the property. Due to the lot being 37 feet wide they created a mounded system. They could not meet the, county required, 3:1 slope while keeping 10 feet from the property boundaries. The distance will be 3 and 4 feet from the property lines.

The Board agreed that notification is to be provided to the two adjoining neighbors 10 days prior to excavation. The onus is on the applicant if notification is not provided.

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Board of Health granted the waiver request, as outline in the HCHD June 16, 2021 correspondence, subject to notice being provided to both neighbors, 10 days prior excavation. The HCHD can release approval with the condition that notification is provided 10 days prior.

Septic System Alteration Waivers
Municipality: Lebanon Township
Block: 49 Lot: 74
Location: 35 Anthony Road

Mr. Hoffman stated that this house is for sale and under contract. With approvals, they plan to start the system as soon as possible. Mr. Hoffman noted that previously a repair was done on the system but it did not work. Mr. Hoffman conducted soil tests and designed an Advanced Treatment Unit. The two waives being requested are listed below as outlined in the HCHD June 30, 2021 letter.

1. The proposed disposal field will not be the minimum 100 feet from the existing well. The proposed disposal field is shown 59 feet from the existing well.
2. A rock wall is proposed in lieu of the requirement of a 3:1 slope along the sides of the property lines since the proposed disposal field will not be able to have a 3:1 slope.

Mr. Hoffman stated that a well record was received indicating that the well has 88.5 feet of casing therefore the distance can be reduced to 50 feet as there is more than 50 feet of casing.

Mr. Hoffman stated that since they cannot meet the 3:1 slope as the grading will extend past the property line. They are proposing that a rock wall be installed at the side and rear property lines to ensure that the system does not encroach on someone else's property.

Mr. Hoffman stated that they will notify the neighbor 10 days prior to excavation.

Mr. Hoffman noted that wetlands are located on the neighboring property therefore the applicant will be applying for an NJDEP General Permit 24.

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Board of Health granted the waiver requests, as outline in the HCHD June 30, 2021 correspondence, with notification to the neighbors 10 days prior to excavation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Board of Health opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Board of Health closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

ADJOURN

Having no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Mayor Schmidt, and seconded by Ms. Koehler to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Sandorse,
Secretary

Abe Abuchowski, Chairman

Approved: August 4, 2021