

Lincoln Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 11, 2018
Donaldson Room, Town Offices

Members Present: Frederick Mansfield, MD
Patricia Miller

(Member unavailable: Steven Kanner, MD)

Others Present: Stan Sosnicki, Asst. Public Health Director and Elaine Carroll, Adm. Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The next scheduled meetings will be on May 16, 2018 in the Donaldson Room. Patricia Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2018 meeting as written. Fred Mansfield seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Septic Review:

58 Weston Road – Al Gala, Engineer came before the Board to ask for 2 variances from local regulations as follows:

- (1) **LBHR 1.06(A) (4) requires a 12' separation between trenches when a reserve area is proposed. A 6' separation is proposed**
- (2) **LBHR 1.06(A) (1) requires the system size to be increased by 50% to accommodate a garbage disposal. The system is not designed to accommodate a garbage disposal.**

Mr. Gala said this property is a 3.211 acre parcel of land with a minor street and a conservation restriction on the majority of the property. There is a depression in the middle of the site, which may have been an old foundation. There is also a drop to the left of the lot, which would require a large removal of trees. This is a successful design that keeps the integrity of the property. The Board received a letter from the Lincoln Land Conservation Trust stating that they would request that they seek all practical alternatives to keep the system within the restricted building envelope to avoid any unnecessary disturbance of, and long term impact to the adjacent conservation restricted field. Stan said the reserve trench could be up on the hill but in reality would never be built. The trench would probably be dug out and rebuilt if it failed. A Presby system with bed would not work. Patricia Miller made a motion to approve the variances as requested provided that the owner signs a deed restriction for no garbage grinder and records it in the Registry of Deeds. Fred Mansfield seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

20 Trapelo Road – Jim Gaddis, Contractor came before the Board to ask for 1 local upgrade and 1 variance from the Lincoln Board of Health regulations as follows:

- (1) **310 CMR 15.211 installation of a tank less than 10' from a foundation wall. Separation to be determined on as-built plan.**
- (2) **LBHR 1.06(B) (1) requires a two-compartment tank to be installed. A single-compartment tank was installed.**

Mr. Gaddis said when putting in the slab on grade foundation for a sleeping cottage at this property, the existing tank for one bathroom for a loft in the barn was hit and damaged as shown in various pictures. Mr. Gaddis installed the new tank where it is because of the pitch and was unable to keep all of the existing drain lines. The new tank is 2.3' from the sleeping cottage and 8' from other buildings. A two-compartment tank is required by local code but a single-compartment was installed. This tank will serve only the two bathrooms in the sleeping cottage and one bathroom in the barn with no laundry. This makes the best of a bad situation to make the elevation work. Dr. Mansfield said he has a problem with putting something in the ground and asking for forgiveness after the fact by an unlicensed installer with no permit. He worries about setting a precedent especially since this is for new construction. Stan said the owner entered into a deed restriction for the number of bedrooms and also swapped a bedroom in the main house in order to be able to build the two-bedroom sleeping cottage to be used when children and grandchildren come to visit. The Board of Health should have been involved from the minute the tank was damaged. Patricia Miller made a motion to approve the upgrade and variance as requested. Fred Mansfield seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous with reservations because of the fact that no permit was obtained prior to installation and the work was done by an unlicensed installer.

Discussions:

The Carroll School Shared Table – Megan Saunders and Donna Lindstrom from The Carroll School came before the Board to discuss the use of a shared table, which is an innovative strategy to encourage the consumption of nutritious foods and reduce food waste in the National School Lunch Program. Ms. Saunders said that after cleaning up from Earth Day celebrations, they realized that a lot of usable wrapped snacks and fruit were thrown away. They felt that there should be a better way to use pre-packaged snacks and thick skinned fruits. There would be a separate basket labeled nuts in a different location, which would be monitored by staff. There would be nothing that needs heating or refrigeration. There are some students who are still hungry after eating their lunch or students in after school programs that are looking for a snack. The staff would monitor the table to be sure certain foods are not there too long. Stan said that nothing addresses this in the food code except that restaurants cannot reuse anything that was served at another table. Patricia Miller voted to approve the shared table program as discussed. Fred Mansfield seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. Stan will write up a letter to The Carroll School saying that the program was approved.

E-Mail to Selectmen – The members discussed an e-mail sent to the Selectmen regarding the Feb. 28 meeting with the Environmental Club. After a brief discussion, at which time the members discussed Dr. Kanner’s line of questioning to the 4 members regarding the water bottle ban. Even though Dr. Kanner apologized to the girls during the meeting, the members decided that a letter of apology from the Board would be written.

Other Business:

Bills Paid – East Middlesex Mosquito Control - \$2,575 for 4th quarter.

Communicable Disease Report – The members reviewed the report from Maureen Richichi showing 14 confirmed cases of influenza from Jan. 1 through March 31, 2018.

Green Burial – A member of the Cemetery Commission has requested to come to the May 16 Board meeting to discuss green burials in the Lincoln cemeteries.

There being no further business, Patricia Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Fred Mansfield. The vote to approve was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine M. Carroll