

**Lincoln Board of Health**  
**Virtual Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

Members Presents: Frederick Mansfield, MD  
Patricia Miller  
Steven Kanner, MD

Others Present: Stan Sosnicki, Asst. Public Health Director; Abby Butt, COA Director, Deb Garfield, and Eliot Community Human Services, and Elaine Carroll, Adm. Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on July 21, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

**Update from Trish McGean:**

Trish could not attend tonight but sent an e-mail saying that Lincoln has a total of 197 cases with the last known positive case on May 13 and we are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in a row of zero positive cases. The second dose COVID vaccine clinic is on Friday for the Lincoln/Hanscom schools for 12+ kids and she anticipates about 65 kids. She said the parents were very appreciative of having local clinics on campus, especially for kids from Boston. Others can make an appointment and come but they must seek another site for their second dose.

**Septic Review:**

100 Lincoln Road: The petitioner is asking the Board to grant 1 local upgrade approval from Title 5 and 3 variances from local regulations as follows:

- (1) 15.405 (e) Reduction of system location from bordering vegetative wetlands. 310 CMR 15.221 requires a 100' offset to a wetland that borders a tributary to a surface water supply. A 60' separation is proposed.**
- (2) 1.05 (a) Requires a 100' separation between the soil absorption system and a bordering vegetated wetland. A 60' offset is proposed.**
- (3) 1.06(a)(1) System may be constructed without a 50% increase to accommodate a garbage disposal as required by local amendment.**
- (4) 1.06(3) Requires a minimum 12" stone aggregate in bed configurations. 6" of stone is proposed.**

Mike DiModica, Engineer said he is representing the owners, Thomas and Laura Sander and their proposed replacement of an existing failed system. The site is a little under an acre and is an existing 4-bedroom system that has a cesspool at the rear of the property. There is no other leaching field off of it and it failed Title 5. Stan witnessed the soil testing done on May 7. We had a perc rate of two minutes per inch and found a water table at six feet. The lot had excellent draining soil but a high water table. The parcel abuts vegetated wetlands which abuts a tributary to a drinking water supply to Stoney Brook. The proposed system will be at the rear of the property which is about 10 feet off the property line. There will be a 1500 gal. two-compartment septic tank with a 1000 gal. pump chamber. The leach field will be 60 feet from wetlands instead of the required 100 feet required by Lincoln and the 100 feet required by Title 5. The last two are for a restriction of no garbage grinder and the stone depth of 6 inches instead of 12 inches, which would not increase the amount of soil towards the wetlands. The mounding of the system would be minimal. The existing cesspool is about 70 feet away but is failing to protect public health because it is in groundwater now. The proposed system is an improvement over the existing one. The front yard was not an option because of a gas line, water main and drain. Stan said considering the constraints on the lot, this is about the best area available. Patricia Miller made a motion to approve the variances as discussed providing that the owner agrees to sign a deed restriction for no garbage grinder. Fred Mansfield seconded the motion. Patricia Miller-aye and Fred Mansfield-aye

**Increasing Funds for Eliot Community Human Services:**

Abby Butt said Lincoln has an outreach providers group where people get together once a month to talk about what they are seeing, to troubleshoot and network. What came out of the meeting from several parties is that organizations in Town do not know where to turn when there are adolescents in need of counseling especially with the pandemic and remote learning. It has been really hard for a lot of young people who have been struggling. Abby had another meeting with Devon and Sara from Eliot, as well as, Mary Emmons from the

school, and the Lincoln police. What came out of this meeting was a conversation between Deb and Mary Emmons about what needs they saw and how Eliot could help meet those needs. It could be something like a mental health clinic but on school property. It is hard for parents to stop working in order to pick up their child and take them to counseling and then bring them back to school. It is very disruptive on the child and hard on the family. All the available appointments after school are taken so there is available during the day but not toward the end of the day. This is where the idea of having something during the day came up on school property. There is also a question about whether the contract with Eliot is enough because the need is growing.

Deb said they have not used all the money yet from the contract but things have started to increase. In comparing the first quarter with the third quarter, there has been a 6% increase in the number of sessions they were providing. It is hard to find adolescent therapists. Everyone has a wait list and a wait list to get on a wait list. No one can find Tri-Care providers so could we offer services anyway. Abby said what the contract with Lincoln does is provide people with Medicare and Tri-Care Insurance an opportunity to get seen by someone who can help instead of waiting forever for one of a handful of providers to have an opening. Patricia said since there is only two weeks of school left, does it make sense to make it school based or Town based in the summer. If kids need to be seen over the summer we need to find a way to see them. Deb said if they have insurance we would bill that but if not we would provide it and bill the Town. Abby said we still have to get the school on board but if we start now we would be ready for the fall. Patricia thought that was late since there is an immediate need. Abby felt there were other places if it gets started earlier. The LEAP building has conferences rooms for privacy and kids would be going to summer camp so you could get kids from the Birches School or Magic Garden. Patricia said she sees the need first hand at Newton Wellesley where the entire pediatric unit is filled with kids with mental health issues.

The questions are what the demand is, what Eliot can supply for staff, and what the Board of Health can supply for funding. Fred said we always turn money back to the Town at the end of the fiscal year. Also Colleen Wilkins, Finance Director, said we should bill this separately since we could get reimbursed from Federal or State funds. Abby also said First Parish and St. Anne's gave them funding when they first started the clinic at Lincoln Woods. That could possibly be another source of additional funding. Deb said she does not have the staff right now but will have to get someone to do it. We need to let people know the services are available. Find out from people what they need and then deal with the situation. Abby would do the initial scheduling and then send Sara the information so that Eliot can call the person to see what the demand is and can respond and give them a couple of different options. The first thing to do is to set up a time that works for Eliot and then see what the demand is in Town. Abby can keep track of the demand and let the Board know if there is a huge demand in case the Board needs to set up an emergency meeting if we need to make adjustments. Eliot will bill the client's insurance company if possible and Lincoln could cover any co-pay or travel expenses if needed. Eliot will bill the Board separately for these services. The age would be 18 and under and Abby would like to get this going in July and she will find the space for this and send out a flyer. Elaine will get back to Colleen about the details of the grant and how it will work. Deb thanked the Board for the opportunity to be able to help more people through this new adolescent clinic.

#### **Other Business:**

Arbovirus Update: The members reviewed the latest report from DPH. Fred said at this time there is really no data and they will not start collecting it until June. Over the next three months we should start getting a lot of correspondence about what is going on in the different towns and Patricia will send out any information to the other members so we can keep track of it.

Hazardous Waste: Elaine said there have been some problems with the new vendor for hazardous waste and there was a large bill for the April 24 collection for all of the participating towns. The 8 member towns had a special meeting to discuss the issues and put the new vendor on notice.

Minutes: Steven Kanner made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2021 meeting as written. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Patricia Miller-aye; Steven Kanner-aye; Fred Mansfield-aye. We should be hearing by June 15 from the Legislature if we will continue to meet remotely.

At 8:40 p.m. Patricia Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fred Mansfield seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Patricia Miller-aye; Steven Kanner-aye; Fred Mansfield-aye.

*Submitted by Elaine Carroll*