

**TOWN OF MILLIS
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes of Meeting
August 12, 2020**

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on August 12, 2020 via Zoom online meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84914902088>. Present were:

- ☐ Kathleen Lannon, Board Member
- ☐ John McVeigh, Public Health Director
- * Matthew Fuller, Chair
- * Peter Lavoy, Design Engineer for Lankmark Site Design

Chair Lannon moved and Member Fuller seconded and it was unanimously voted that the Millis Board of Health meeting of August 12, 2020 at 1:00 PM.

Administrative Business:

- I. **Nurse's Report:** The monthly report of the Public Health Nurse was reviewed.
- II. **Meeting Minutes:** The May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. The June meeting minutes need more clarification before they can be approved.

1:05 PM Discussion: COVID and EEE updates and discussion – There are zero active cases in Millis.. The CoVid-19 antigen test has caused much confusion because it has a high false negative rate. EEE was discussed and the Millis cable channel will highlight managing exposure to ticks for the public to view.

1:46 PM – Hearing – Local upgrade approval variance 5 Monroe Street septic upgrade:

Peter Lavoy, Design Engineer works with Landmark Site Design and is representing homeowner Cathy McCarthy of 5 Monroe Street. It is an estimated 10,000 sq. foot lot, 3 bedroom in which the system has a failed cesspool. They will be installing a new septic system in the front yard so the plumbing does not have to change. They will relocate the water line around the leaching field. They are asking for three variances. The first is a waiver from the required Title V twenty foot separation from the leaching field to the existing foundation to 10 feet and inclusion of a 40 mil impervious barrier. The home has no basement, just a crawl space. The second variance is a request for a waiver that ground water goes from 5ft to 4ft. The third variance is requesting for the water service line to be 10ft from the septic field to 7.2ft (**see regulation now 10ft min**) with the inclusion of concrete around water pipe and a 40 mil barrier. This approval is conditional upon the approval from DPW for this plan for water line protection. We will also require a deed restriction to a three bedroom home before Certificate of Compliance is issued. Member Lannon made a motion to approve the proposed septic design with the above waivers. Member LeBlanc seconded. It was unanimously approved.

2:22 PM – Veterans Memorial Building Voting Plan Discussion: For election this year due to COVID town hall will have early voting at VMB starting 8/22/2020 – 8/28/2020. Primary elections will be 9/1/2020 7:00AM – 8:00PM and Election Day 9/2/2020 7:00AM – 8:00PM. Voting was also done by mail in.

Town Meeting was discussed. The Selectman's Office is asking The Board of Health's thoughts on where to have Town Meeting, indoor or outdoor. There will be a meeting with the selectman's office and both John McVeigh and Chair, Matthew Fuller will attend to see where the Selectman are at with

preparing for Town Meeting this fall. The Board of Health agrees that they would recommend making the Town Meeting an outdoor even. Further discussion on this topic will be at the September Board Meeting.

3:03 PM – Bag Ban Discussion – The Board discussed the current ban on plastic bags. We have had no complaints about it affecting the business's financially so will remain as is. Businesses can use up their current stock.

Documents and Submittals of Meeting:

Meeting notice agenda August 12, 2020 posted on August 6, 2020.

Director's Report August, 2020

Public Health Nursing Report July, 2020 - August, 2020.