BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
AGENDA
February 25, 2019
6:30 p.m.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM
TIMES INDICATED FOR THE AGENDA TOPICS ARE APPROXIMATE

6:30 - Opening Remarks and public comment

SEPTIC SYSTEM RELATED TOPICS

6:30 – 836 Palmer Ave – Sippewissett Campground proposed improvements under new ownership
Requesting the following:
  Septic system approval request -
  • To install an Amphidrome Innovative/Alternative nitrogen reduction wastewater treatment system and Presby Enviro-Septic soil absorption system.
  • Local Upgrade Approval from 310 CMR 15.221(7) - depth of system components below finished grade. The anoxic / flow equalization tank is proposed at a maximum depth 6 feet below the proposed finish grade.
Also seeking variances from the following two sections in the Falmouth Health Regulations regarding “Trailer Camps”:
  • FHR 9.0 (2)(A) “An incinerator or incinerators sufficient to take care of all waste material, which can and may properly be burned”.
  • FHR 9.0 (3) “Placement. In no case shall the number or placement of inhabited trailers, or any particular parcel of land, be such as to constitute crowding or congestion, and no owner or lessee of land used for trailer camps or for overnight parking of inhabited trailers or for camping as aforesaid, shall permit the placement or location of such trailers within thirty (30) feet of each other”
Cover letter, I/A treatment system assessment document, I/A technology operation and maintenance program document, plans dated February 14, 2019 by Bracken Engineering and FHR 9.0 regulation provided.

6:45 – Lot 7 Hank’s Way – Innovative/Alternative septic system approval request
Request to install a Microfast model 0.5 system to serve a proposed 3 bedroom dwelling.
  Cover letter from John Doyle, P.L.S. outlining the proposal and a Site and Sewage plan by John Doyle/ Carmen Shay dated February 10, 2019.

6:50 – 78 Oakwood Ave - Local Upgrade Approval request
Request for the following Title 5 divergence - 310 CMR 15.221(7) components of a septic system deeper than 36” (3’). Final grade over the proposed components will have in excess of 36” (3’) of cover.
  septic tank - 3.2’ / distribution box - 4.5’/ soil absorption system - 6.7’
  • No increase in flow proposed (4 bedrooms per July 2018 Health Agent walk-through).
  • Letter outlining the project (accessory apartment) and the need for the divergence.
  • Septic design plan by Holmes and McGrath dated July 11, 2018/ February 12, 2019.
6:55 – Discussion of proposed regulation changes to FHR 15.0 Falmouth’s supplement to 310 CMR 590.00 (Title 5)
   Working document of proposed changes to FHR 15.0.

HOUSING
7:10 – 373 Palmer Ave unit 6 - Variance request from 105 CMR 410.250 (Natural Lighting) and 105 CMR 410.450 (Means of Egress)
   Original housing inspection performed on July 18, 2017 determined insufficient natural lighting and egress in unit 6 among other violations. Agreement at District Court between the Health Department and the property owner not to rent dwelling (unit 6) occurred at that time. Owner requesting a variance from one or more of the violations listed in the enforcement letter.
   Copies of the variance request, enforcement letters, correspondence, Assessor’s information, relevant sections of the 105 CMR 410.000 provided.

7:25 – Review rental regulations from surrounding communities

GENERAL BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE
7:40 – Correspondence (emails) from Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer (POCCA) for the Town to cease using glyphosate (a.k.a. Round-up) and other chemicals on Town owned land.
   The POCCA team is asking that the Board of Selectmen (on the 2-25-19 BoS agenda) to adopt a NO Glyphosate and chemicals policy for those properties they directly control and for the BoS to encourage their Board of Health to write/adopt a health regulation, using their powers, prohibiting the use of Glyphosate and chemicals on all town owned properties.
   • Email correspondences to the Town
   • Cape wide review of what other towns have/are doing (from emails)

7:50 – Eversource communications regarding herbicide application on right-of-ways
   • Letter from Eversource regarding their intention to selectively apply herbicide along the power line right-of-way in Falmouth.
   • Approval letter from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources regarding the Eversource, Eastern MA Five Year Vegetation Management Plan for Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard 2018-2022.

8:00- Board of Health Goals discussion and update
   • Board of Health goals discussion document
   • Review suggestions regarding local upgrade approval authority that can be delegated to the Health Agent.

8:10 - Health Department review

8:15 – Approval of meeting minutes
   Review of meeting minutes from February 11, 2019 and February 13, 2019

Our Mission
The mission of the Falmouth Board of Health is to protect and promote the health, safety and well-being of residents and visitors of the Town of Falmouth. The primary functions of the Board of Health to achieve our mission are to: prevent and control disease, enforce state and local regulations, promulgate local health regulations, identify and protect from environmental hazards, and advocate for a healthy community.