



Falmouth Health Department

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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA

August 31, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Town Hall lower level meeting room
59 Town Hall Square, Falmouth, MA 02540
Times indicated for the agenda topics are approximate

In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the August 31, 2020 public meeting of the Falmouth Board of Health shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. Alternative public access to this meeting shall be provided in the following manner:

1. Real-time public comment can be addressed to the Board of Health utilizing the Zoom virtual meeting software for remote access. This application will allow users to view the meeting and send a comment or question to the Chair via the Chat function. Submitted text comments will be read into the record at the appropriate points in the meeting.

Zoom Login instructions:

i. Instructions and the meeting link for this specific meeting can be found at the following web address: <http://www.falmouthmass.us/BOH>

ii. Please plan on 10-15 minutes of preparation time to log in though it may be less if you have previously used Zoom on the device you will use to access this meeting.

2. Additionally public comments may be sent in advance of the meeting to health@falmouthma.gov at least 5 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting. Documents and audio or video files may also be submitted via email. Submitted email comments and documents will be made a part of the meeting record and may be read into the record, summarized or displayed during the meeting at the discretion of the chair.

3. Applicants, their representatives and individuals with enforcement matters before the Board may appear remotely and are not required to be physically present. Applicants, their representatives and individuals with enforcement matters before the Board may contact the Health Department to arrange an alternative means of real time participation if unable to use the Zoom virtual meeting software. Documentary exhibits and/or visual presentations should be submitted in advance of the meeting to the Health Agent at health@falmouthma.gov so they may be displayed for remote public access viewing.

5:00 - Opening remarks and public comment

SEPTIC

5:00- 41 Madeline Road – Local Upgrade Approval Request

Applicant seeking to reduce the 10' setback requirement (310 CMR 15.211) between a soil absorption system and a property line down to 1'

Documents – Cover Letter and plan dated July 9, 2020 from Holmes and McGrath

5: 10 - 549 West Falmouth Highway – Local Upgrade Approval Request

Applicant seeking two a setback requirements of 310 CMR 15.211

- Reduce the 10' setback requirement from a property line to a septic tank to 2.5'
- Reduce the 10' setback requirement from a foundation to a septic tank to 6'

Documents –



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- Cover Letter and plan dated July 9, 2020 from Holmes and McGrath
- Letter from James T. Morse - 545 West Falmouth Highway (abutter)

5:20 – 400 East Falmouth Highway – Innovative/ Alternative septic system approval request for a proposed Cumberland Farms

Applicant seeking to install a Soil Air aeration system and Geomatrix GST 3724 leaching system

Documents – Cover letter, DEP approval letter and septic plans from Farland Corp dated September 10, 2019

HOUSING

5:30 – 7 Miami Ave – Update on an unoccupied dwelling heard by the Board on August 10, 2020 and August 17, 2020

Update on the ongoing proceedings with this property

Documents: report and images of the interior inspection

Pest control report/invoice from property owner

5:50 – 115 Scranton Ave and 138 Teacticket Highway – Falmouth Housing Authority properties

Inform the Board on complaints and subsequent inspections regarding the above reference properties.

Documents – Order to Correct, documents from the Housing Authority regarding their plans to address.

COVID-19

6:00 – COVID-19 Health Department staffing – continued from August 17, 2020

Board of Health to discuss their correspondence to the Board of Selectmen

Documents: letter outlining Boards requests for staffing during Covid-19.

6:10 - General COVID-19 Discussion

Health Agent and Board of Health will discuss current state of the pandemic.

ARBOVIRUS REPORT

6:20 - Review of current status of 2020 mosquito testing/ EEE and WNV

Document: weekly state arbovirus report

GENERAL BUSINESS

6:25 - Health Agent update

6:30 – United States Air Force seeking Board approval to send a notice to residents – continued from August 17, 2020

Seeking Board's approval of a letter that will be sent to residents regarding FS-29 groundwater plume.

Documents – Updated letter from the USAF

6:40 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2020 (continued) and August 17, 2020

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.

Posted August 27, 2020