



CITY OF GARDNER
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH
95 PLEASANT ST, ROOM 29
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS 01440



Members Present: Lauren Saunders – Health Director
 Susan Avallone, RN - Member
 Atty. Geoffrey Tobia – Member
 Michele Parker, MD – Member

In Attendance: Valorie Sibley-Diagle, Registered Sanitarian

Minutes for Board of Health meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2020

5:00 Meeting called to order.

5:03 Minutes from the January 27, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.

5:05 Request for local upgrade approval of a septic system: Valorie Sibley-Diagle, Registered Sanitarian from Northland Engineers is here on behalf of James and Shelley Gustafson of 11 Eli Drive to request a local upgrade approval of a septic system. Valorie presented the engineered plan of the parcel and abutting lots, the location of the current structures, wells, septic systems and leach fields. She explained that the existing system at 11 Eli Drive failed, several areas on the lot have been tested to build a new system but the location they are requesting approval for is the best area for suitability. The request is for a one foot reduction in the 5 foot offset to eliminate season high water, due to the high season ground water at this lot, the sloping of the grading required at 3:1 and being very near the lot line. The 1ft reduction actually will keep the fill from overflowing the property line. The request is also for a 10ft reduction in the 20ft setback from the house to prevent the field from crossing the property line.

After a discussion period with questions from the Board, for the safety of the subject parcel and the neighboring parcels, the Board unanimously grants both variances to 310CMR15.405:1(h) for a 1 foot reduction to the 5ft offset and 310CMR15.405:1(a) for a 10ft reduction to the 20ft setback. Valorie leaves the meeting.

5:16 Old Business:

Body Art Regulations: Microblading - There is an individual who is requesting a Microblading license. Microblading falls under Tattooing not cosmetology. She has done several courses including all those which would be needed to get a tattoo apprenticeship; she has completed anatomy & physiology, blood-borne pathogens, first aid, and several Microblading programs in MN, she completed a Hepatitis B series, she also has some nursing education background and provided college transcripts but has not completed her LPN. She has submitted photos of her work, she has worked on models. She needs to complete apprentice hours, but there are no Microblading practitioners in the area that can supervise her. There was a discussion about if a licensed Tattoo artist could supervise her and how many hours of supervision would be required. The Board agreed that this person can start an apprenticeship now to start accumulating hours while the Board finalizes the updates on the Regulations.

The Board also agreed that the other person who is awaiting the Tattoo and Apprenticeship Regulations to be finalized can start working on his observation hours also. The BOH Office will provide them both with a letter with provisional approval explaining the permitted activities and restrictions.

6:00 New Business:

Corona Virus: no cases yet.

Municipal Solid Waste contract: Waste Management Lauren had 2 proposals that she will be reviewing.

Curbside Trash: Lauren met with Public Safety Committee on Tuesday January 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed increase in the cost of residential curbside trash and recycling pickup. There have been significant increases to this cost due to changes in the recycling market.

EDS Drill: The date was changed to 3/12/20 and the location was changed to Gardner High School. Lauren will be meeting with Forrest Price from Emergency Preparedness, the Fire Chief and the head of EMS to go over the EDS plan book.

5:47 Set next meetings for Monday March 23, 2020 at 5pm to discuss Tattoo regulations and March 30, 2020, regular meeting adjourn.

Susan Avallone RN, Member

Atty. Geoffrey Tobia, Member

Michele C. Parker MD, Member

All conversations are documented on recording identified as B.O.H February 24, 2020.