

## **MEETING MINUTES OF THE DOVER BOARD OF HEALTH - April 3, 2023**

Held remotely via zoom - meeting recorded

### **Present:**

Kay Petersen, Chair; Stephen Kruskall, John Quackenbush, Members; Jason Belmonte, Health Agent; Michael Angieri, Consultant

1. Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

2. Deer Management Program

Jim Palmer, Deer Management Agent for Dover, reported the following:

2022: Dover - 22 deer were harvested; Statewide - 59 deer harvested

2021: Dover - 21 deer were harvested; Statewide - 41 deer harvested

Jim noted that approximately half of the hunters get a deer and there is still a waiting list for hunters to join the program. Steve inquired if Jim had the figures for deer/vehicle collisions. Jim did not but will check with the police chief.

Martin Freehan from MassWildlife, stated that the Dover's Deer Management Program is held in high regard as one of the most successful in the state. He noted that all of the MassWildlife hunters have the opportunity this year to participate in the Sharing the Harvest program.

After the presentation, the Board determined that it would continue with the Deer Management Program.

3. John made a motion seconded by Steve to approve meeting minutes of March 13, 2023 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Health Agent Report

a. Wells and Water:

- 34 Grand Hill - a new well to be installed
- 45 Farm - an irrigation well to be installed

An order of non-compliance for failure to follow water testing requirements has been issued to Aquarion Water. Jason contacted the company to find out more about the situation. He was told that the company is working to rectify the situation and come into compliance. He will keep the Board updated as to the progress being made.

b. Proposed Septic Systems:

- 11 Knollwood Drive - Jason recommended Board approval for a standard gravity system that is being proposed in a nitrogen sensitive area for a 4 bedroom house.
- 33 Pine - Jason recommended Board approval for a FAST System that is being proposed for a new house to be built on a previously developed lot. The well on the property will be decommissioned and a new well will be installed.

c. Jason reported that he has now completed his initial inspections of all food establishments in the Town of Dover.

d. Jason has sent an application form to Bob Tosi, Highway Foreman, for a 10 day emergency beaver trapping permit to remedy the situation at Claybrook and Haven Street.

e. AED/CPR:

- The AEDs are in the Town House and need to be installed
- CPR/AED training will take place May 16-18 in the Great Hall..

f. Rabies Clinic

Turnout was lighter than expected with 7 dogs, 1 cat. The clinic had not taken place for a couple of years due to COVID, causing pet owners to make other arrangements. It is thought that the numbers will increase as the clinic becomes an annual event again and residents know to expect it.

5. Kay informed the Board that funds from the opioid settlement may not be used for Narcan.
6. The Board discussed a possible hearing date for the proposed tobacco regulation changes. It was decided to hold the hearing at the beginning of the regularly scheduled BOH meeting June 5, 2023.
7. There was a discussion of the Public Health Nurse position. Steve reported that he had spoken with the COA Director so that there could be coordination between the Outreach Worker COA and Public Health Nurse. Kay informed the Board that the shared services grant only allows for payment toward environmental health issues at this time.
8. Steve raised concerns about home sales where Title 5 inspection reports are not always forwarded to the Board of Health office or are not being done at all, especially when cash sales are involved. Jason explained that he receives monthly deed transfer information from the Assessors office and uses that information to follow up on any missing Title 5s.

9. Steve also mentioned that prior to the COVID pandemic, there was a senior workoff volunteer who helped out in the office. He wondered if it would be possible to find such a volunteer again, perhaps someone capable of digitizing the files. Jason suggested that perhaps an intern from DPH or another program might be helpful.
  
10. 11 Knollwood - Steve made a motion seconded by Kay to approve the septic system plans dated March 13, 2023 for a 4 bedroom house in a nitrogen sensitive area. The motion passed.  
  
33 Pine - Steve made a motion seconded by Kay to approve proposed plants dated March 1, 2023 for FAST system in a nitrogen sensitive and an operations and maintenance agreement required. The motion passed.
  
11. At 8:25 pm it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting:**

Draft Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023

11 Knollwood Drive - plans dated March 13, 2023

33 Pine Street - plans dated March 1, 2023