BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA
March 29, 2021 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 March 29, 2021 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

SEPTIC SYSTEMS
5:00 – 533 Woods Hole Road - Innovative/Alternative approval requests for Microfast Systems and Presby Enviro Septic leaching fields – continued from 3/15/2021

   Applicant seeking to install an Innovative/ Alternative septic system technology (Microfast) and a Presby Enviro-Septic leaching facility

   Documents:
   • Cover letter outlining the project and a plan from Cape and Islands Eng. dated 10/5/2018, revised 2/1/21
   • DEP Standard Conditions for Secondary Treatment Units dated March 20,2015
   • Email comment from public
5:15 - 154 Edgewate Drive East – local upgrade approval request – 3 bedroom house. This request was originally approved on February 22, 2021. However, applicant needed to re-notify abutters so the Board need to revote on this approval request

Seeking reduction in setbacks required in 310 CMR 15.211 to allow a soil absorption system and its reserve area setback to a property line (street) from the required 10’ down to 6.0’

Documents: cover letter outlining proposal and plans by Falmouth Engineering dated March 29, 2021

5:30 - 327 Gifford Street – local upgrade approval request/ variance – continued from 3/15/2021

Seeking reduction in setbacks required in 310 CMR 15.211
- Septic tank to a property line from 10’ required down to 8’
- Septic tank to a foundation from 10’ required down to 8’
- Soil absorption system to a property line from the required 10’ down to 2’
- Soil absorption system to a foundation from the required 20’ down to 5’

Seeking a soil absorption system sizing reduction - 3,115 gallons/day required to 2,788 gallons/day (11% reduction)

Documents: cover letter outlining the project and a plan from Holmes and McGrath dated Feb 9, 2021, rev 3/16/21

HOUSING


Failure to comply with previous Health Department orders and Board decision from December 16, 2019

STABLE:

6:00 - 809 Sandwich Road – Smithfield Farms originally heard on January 19, 2021, February 1, 2021, February 5, 2021 and February 22, 2021. Smithfield Farm was again placed on the agenda on March 15, 2021 and was continued to this meeting.

Board to continue discussion and to deliberate and vote on whether to allow, rescind or modify Smithfield Farms 2021 Falmouth Stable Permit that expires 90 days after the Feb 22, 2021 decision after not receiving additional documentation from the Farm.

COVID-19

6:20 - Discussion of the current state of the pandemic and vaccination progress

GENERAL BUSINESS

6:40 – Health Agent update on general departmental business (staffing, non COVID business)

6:45 - Review and approve meeting minutes from February 22, 2021 and March 15, 2021

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.

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