

Charlemont Board of Health Minutes  
May 27, 2020  
Via conference call

Present: Doug Telling, Rob Lingle, Bill Harker

Absent: None

Guests: Randy Crochier, Lisa Danek Burke, Katie and Patrick Banks

Called to order at 6 pm

1. Banks requesting variances for a campground

--Lingle thinks a site visit is in order. He is concerned about the proliferation of non-residential properties.

--Lingle asked about plans for wastewater

--K. Banks is looking for a temporary variance for the 2020 season. Porto potties (2) to be pumped weekly. Plan to put a well with water going to a central location. Establish a community kitchen with the grey water going into a French drain until the septic system is installed. She noted that there is a 22 year old perc test and septic plans. They have a new engineer

--P. Banks asked if the perc is still ok.

--Crochier replied that we need to check it out.

--Danek Burke said she knows the site. There were two deep holes. Perc test requirements have changed since this test and are now more stringent. Given the size of the site, cannot put in a system and later increase flow. Need to make it big enough or change the plan.

--Banks have spoken to Shawn Kimberly and Tom Leue. Kimberly says a new perc is necessary and Leue said could work with the old one.

--Lingle said that the soil needs to be taken into consideration.

--Danek Burke recommends a new test with four deep holes.

--P. Banks said they are looking at 7 cabins.

--Crochier replied that would necessitate a public water supply.

--Lingle concerned about how this site might expand. Back in the day Woodland Trailer Park, which was intended as temporary housing for workers working on Bear Swamp, and the gravel pit expanded.

--Crochier recommended June 2 at 11:30 am for a site visit. All agreed. This could be with an engineer or before a designer.

--K. Banks said they are asking for a variance regarding number of bathrooms. Code requires two for each gender for up to 30 sites. They want two gender neutral porto potties until a bathhouse can be built. They think two are adequate given the limited number of sites.

--Danek Burke noted that these are minimal standards.

--Crochier noted that variances are usually for existing structures.

--P. Banks noted that these standards were written before gender neutral bathrooms. Given the small number of sites, he thinks four is excessive. He noted that according to the plumbing code ten people in a boarding house only needs one bathroom.

--Crochier noted that the Board of Health has nothing to do with the plumbing code.

--Burke asked if there would be potable water for dish and hand washing.

--K. Banks replied that there would be. If the well is not installed and operating they will bring in water, by a tanker if necessary.  
--Danek Burke added that the BOH needs to know that water will be there for several weeks. She added that lighting is needed.  
--Harker added that this was discussed at the Planning Board meeting.  
--Danek Burke noted that there are minimal standards for lighting.  
--K. Banks said the paths will be lit and there will be lighting at the cabins. Some will have their own solar and others will be connected to a bigger panel.  
--K. Banks said that a shower is required, but is asking for a variance on that for 2020 only. The Banks will invite the engineer to the site visit.  
--Crochier is concerned that moving forward, this will outlast the Banks and we can't know how it will be run. He is also concerned about asking for variances to start a business. We need to take into account that, while there are good intentions now, there might not be later.  
--Lingle is concerned about adding another trailer park/campground noting that the two major ones in town have gotten out of control.

#### Peter Franzoso Local Upgrade Approval

--Danek Burke witnessed the perc test for the failed system. Plan calls for an Elgen system, which allows for 2' separation. She has problems with the plan, but recommends that we grant the LUA.  
--Telling moved and Harker seconded a motion to grant the LUA. Approved 3-0

#### Roger King System

--His permit for installing a system expires 2021. The permit was for a Presby system but the current plan calls for an Elgin system. Danek Burke says they need to pull a new permit for the new plan. Todd Gerry can apply for a Charlemont installer's license. Crochier and Burke will consult on how to move forward with this.

#### Harden and Daly Failed system

--Telling reported that he talked to them a couple of years ago. They are elderly and confused. Hardin did not understand how a reverse mortgage works. He did not know that the system failed.  
--Crochier will consult with Carlene as to who gets the tax bill and who is listed as owner.

--Lingle noted that last weekend seemed to be quiet.

--Harker wondered who deals with porto potties.  
--Crochier said that the Planning Board is to require them.

#### Police as agents of the BOH

--Crochier reported that the Chief of Police Association came out with guidance that allowed police to enforce on their own the governor's face covering order rather than hold someone until the BOH gets there

--Telling moved and Harker seconded a motion to appoint town police as agents. Passed 3-0

Telling moved and Harker seconded a motion to adjourn. Passed 3-0

Adjourned at 8 pm

Minutes not official until signed.

Documents Reviewed

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- Agenda *5/27*
- Letter appointing police as agents
- Banks' request for variances