

Manchester Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 8:45 a.m.

Town Hall room 7 and by Zoom Platform

Members present:

Peter Colarusso, Joan Cottler by Zoom, Leah Peavey

Members absent:

Martin Hahn

At 8:50 a.m. Mr. Colarusso called the meeting to order.

For Review

4 Dexter Lane, Septic Design Upgrade Plan

Mr. Colarusso asked members if they had any questions on the review for the septic system upgrade plan for 4 Dexter Lane. Members had no questions. Mr. Colarusso made a motion to approve the septic upgrade plans for 4 Dexter Lane as presented by John Judd, P.E. and dated 10/15/24 last revised 12/16/24. Ms. Peavey seconded the motion. Members by roll call vote were unanimous to approve the motion.

Mr. Colarusso, in favor

Ms. Cottler, in favor

Ms. Peavey, in favor

16 Highland Avenue, Septic System Connection Plan

Mr. Colarusso asked members if they had any questions on the review of septic system connection plans for a new construction garage to an existing on-site septic system. Mr. Colarusso asked Mr. Wisner if the structure was a garage for parking. Mr. Wisner replied yes but added that he would probably have a workshop in the garage. Mr. Colarusso, noting the pump reservoir needs six gallons to activate was concerned about the length of the run and the possibility that sludge may be in the pipe for an extended period. Design engineer John Judd arrived at the meeting at this time. Mr. Judd gave a description of the proposed connection from the new garage to the existing septic system. He said the pump was needed to go around the corner. He added that the question was a

good question and that he understood Mr. Colarusso's concern. Mr. Judd explained that there would not be sludge in the pipe as there is a grinder in the system. Mr. Judd felt that installation of 4" piping wherever possible as well as a wall installation would have addressed the concern, but that the Wisner's did not want to install a wall. There was discussion about pitch and raised piping. Mr. Wisner asked his contractor what was found at the spot when the excavator dug.

Mr. Judd explained that the fix for the concern was to install a wall and 4" piping, which is the most conventional and best fix. This as opposed to a 2" pipe and no wall, which was recommended by Mr. Wisner's site contractor. Mr. Judd added that there is a 1" drop needed for a 100' run and that the wall was shown around an acute angle of the lot line. And, that he believed that Mr. Wisner had already bought the pump for the job. Mr. Colarusso asked if the piping had already been laid. Ms. Hansbury said that changing the plan would also necessitate changing the plan calculations. Mr. Judd noted that Mr. Wisner had already installed the pump before Mr. Judd got involved in the job and designed the connection plan. He explained that installation of the wall and the 4" pipe would elevate the connection. Mr. Wisner expressed frustration asking how long a line of wall would be required. Mr. Wisner expressed frustration with the cost of a wall, asking why the plan as submitted could not work. Mr. Colarusso repeated his concern with sewage in the pipe over time. Mr. Judd noted that a 2" pipe downhill within 10' of the pump is a plumbing code issue (interior of home) and he was not sure that there is anything for a 2" gravity pump. Ms. Hansbury said a pressure pipe would be needed for that length. Ms. Hansbury and Mr. Judd discussed the required 1% slope for the 4" pipe. Mr. Judd added that Mr. Wisner's contractor said the elevation at the garage was 129 and that placement 18" down would be needed to get to elevation 128. Mr. Wisner said he was pumping from the garage to the bound. Mr. Colarusso noted that a 1 1/2 gallon flush toilet would need to be flushed 4 x a day to get the flow to pump and that the frequency of the pumping was needed to get stuff moving along. Mr. Judd said there was velocity out of the discharge giving flushing capacity. He said a 4" gravity fed pipe was needed along with 50' of an 18" high wall. Mr. Wisner questioned the difference. Mr. Judd replied that State Title 5 requires a 1% and that there is a 1/8" minimum slope by State code. He added that this work could have easily been done by Mr. Wisner's site contractor. He asked Mr. Wisner why he would want a pump if he didn't need one. Mr. Wisner said he had already bought the pump. Mr. Judd suggested Mr. Wisner sell it or ask the contractor to take it. Mr. Wisner said he was frustrated by all the work that it has taken to get to this point. Mr. Colarusso said that the concerns can easily be addressed by the installation of the recommended 4" pipe and wall and the sale of the previously purchased pump. Mr. Wisner said he did not want that going through his garden. Mr. Judd explained that both the 2" and 4" pipe would have to go through the garden. He also repeated that he still needed the depth at the stone bound that was found by Mr. Wisner and his site contractor. Mr. Wisner agreed to talk to his site contractor. Mr. Judd asked if Mr. Wisner had purchased and installed the control panel, Mr. Wisner replied no. Mr. Judd repeated that he needed the depth found at the bound by Mr. Wisner's site contractor. Mr. Judd and Mr. Wisner agreed to discuss the matter outside of a Board of Health meeting.

Health Director Report

- Drought level has changed to significant
- Conflict of interest training must be completed by all members
- Addenda meeting was held last Thursday, minutes are ready but Ms. Hansbury notes that she does not like the AI minute taking version used. Next meeting one week from today at 8:30 a.m.
- Covid test kits are available
- Additional information on bird flu virus, including information from a case in Barnstable and an unconfirmed case in western Massachusetts. Animal Inspector DeMeule has identified and will watch the local bird population.
- Update from recent Health Coalition meeting:
 - 2 sign boards, flashlight and walkie talkies have been purchased for Manchester
 - State has a new bar code inventory system that will be used for coalition supplies.
- Federal level freezing of health information but unsure for how long, Ms. Hansbury worried about the Department of Agriculture no longer testing for bird flu. Notes that information trickles down from the Federal Government to the State government to the locals. Mr. Colarusso said that the Federal Government is still doing meat plant inspections
- The Hoarding Task Force has restarted, and Manchester is not a part of it because the Town is not part of a Public Health grant.
Mr. Colarusso noted that the State owes 2 billion dollars to the Federal government and questions the effect on State budgeting in future.

Minutes

Ms. Cottler made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2025 as presented. Ms. Peavey seconded the motion. Members by roll call vote were unanimous to approve the motion:

Mr. Colarusso, in favor

Ms. Cottler, in favor

Ms. Peavey, in favor

At 9:26 a.m. Ms. Cottler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Peavey seconded the motion. Members by roll call vote were unanimous to approve the motion:

Mr. Colarusso, in favor

Ms. Cottler, in favor

Ms. Peavey, in favor

As submitted,

Ellen D. Lufkin

Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Board of Health on February 13, 2025