

Time being 7:00 p.m. **October 25, 2021** Paul Steeves opened the meeting of the Foxborough Board of Health, under the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Massachusetts. Paul Steeves, Chair presiding, Betsy Allo, MPH, Vice-Chair, and Eric Arvedon, Clerk were present. Meeting took place in the Andrew A. Gala, Jr. Meeting Room inside the Foxborough Town Hall at 40 South Street.

Others present:

Matthew Brennan, Director of Public Health

Diane Passafaro, Public Health Coordinator, Recorder

**7:00 p.m. Bay Colony Group, Inc. - William R. Buckley, Jr.  
Septic variance request from both Title V (310 CMR 15.000) and local by-law, for the property located as 34 Mill Street, Foxborough, MA**

Representing the Owner of the property located at 34 Mill Street was Cameron Gray with Bay Colony Group, Inc.

Others present for this agenda item:

William R. Buckley, Jr. - Bay Colony Group, Inc.

*(Two abutters were identified and sent notice of the meeting via certified mail. One abutter green card was returned and was submitted to the Board during the meeting)*

C. Gray presented to the Board, the septic design plan for the septic system repair of an existing sewage disposal system located at 34 Mill Street. Due to a number of constraints associated with the property including, the topography of the land, the presence of ledge, and the piping coming from the foundation, the location of where the proposed system could be installed was limited. Therefore, the proposed location detailed on the septic design plan required variances due to its close proximity to bordering vegetated wetlands and tributary to a surface water supply.

One of the two abutters to the property was the Town of Foxborough. M. Brennan informed the Board that information relative to the 34 Mill Street variance requests were provided to Jane Pierce, Conservation Agent, for review and comment. M. Brennan shared J. Pierce's response that stated she had no concerns with the plan or variance requests as submitted.

E. Arvedon made a motion to approve an eleven (11) foot variance and allow the septic tank to be installed 189 feet from a tributary to a surface water supply, where 200 feet is required under Title V. B. Allo seconded the motion. P. Steeves called for discussion. Hearing none, P. Steeves called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

E. Arvedon made a motion to approve a thirty-three (33) foot variance and allow the leaching system to be installed 167 feet from a tributary to a surface water supply, where 200 feet is required under Title V. B. Allo seconded the motion. P. Steeves called for discussion. Hearing none, P. Steeves called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

E. Arvedon made a motion to approve a sixty-one (61) foot variance and allow the leaching system to be installed 89 feet from a bordering vegetated wetland, where 150 feet is required per local by-law. B. Allo seconded the motion. P. Steeves called for discussion. Hearing none, P. Steeves called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

Hearing no further discussion relative to the septic repair on the property located at 34 Mill Street, P. Steeves closed the matter at 7:08 p.m.

**7:08 p.m.** B. Allo made a motion to approve the minutes of September 27, 2021 as written. E. Arvedon seconded the motion. P. Steeves called for discussion. Hearing none, P. Steeves called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

**7:09 p.m.** E. Arvedon made a motion to approve the following bills.

Rea-Craft Press (Insp. Reports and Business Cards)	\$221.00
D.P. (October Communications)	\$50.00
J.R. (October Communications)	\$50.00
M.B. (October Communications)	\$50.00
Lifeworks, Inc. (October Services)	\$812.83
Foxboro Animal Hospital (9/25/21 Rabies Clinic Services)	\$376.00
O'Reilly Auto Enterprises (Town Vehicle Repair)	\$79.97
Mass. Assoc. of Health Boards (Annual Membership)	\$150.00
Positive Promotions (Covid Outreach - Hand Sanitizer)	\$264.95
Grainger (Misc. Office Supplies)	\$83.06
Verizon Wireless (Oct. Data Usage for Insp. Tablets)	\$75.98

B. Allo seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, P. Steeves called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed, 3 – 0.

**7:11 p.m.** **Department Updates**

- Health Inspector, John Robertson, Jr. has submitted his letter of resignation. M. Brennan commented on the fact that many municipalities are currently hiring and there is a back log of open positions across the public health field.

- Two inspector positions as part of the public health excellence grant are still scheduled to be posted soon, with the posting and hiring for the two positions being conducted through the Town of Foxborough Human Resources Department. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) is being established with the other Towns detailing how the two positions will be utilized throughout the five municipalities. M. Brennan discussed that these two positions will allow for flexibility, with the goal of each Town being able to use the inspectors where each individual Town needs them.
- Money from the Community Health Network Alliance (CHNA) grant was allocated to the YMCA. They have committed to providing food give aways every third Thursday of the month, at the Housing Authority, in an effort to help fight food insecurity.
- M. Brennan will be reviewing eligibility requirements for additional grant opportunities currently available.

**7:25 p.m.**

**Board of Health Discussion**

**Presentation of the proposed draft Town of Foxborough Board of Health Private Well Regulation and to discuss possible dates to hold a public hearing for the vote and approval of said draft regulation**

Others present for this agenda item:

Paul Hainsworth - Foxborough Resident

The Board of Health members were provided with the most recent version of the Town of Foxborough Board of Health draft private well regulations. The new version included clearer language associated with the submitted well application being reviewed by other Town Departments as warranted, as well as the plan being submitted with the application will be required to be prepared by either an Engineer or Surveyor.

Further discussion centered around if the regulation should address private well water use restrictions. The Board members each expressed their individual opinions and some commented that they did not have enough information on water use restrictions as a whole, or the impacts it would have on the Town's current water resources. M. Brennan suggested placing a water use restriction onto a future Town warrant for a vote, in order for said restriction to be enacted as a Town by-law.

Town Resident, Paul Hainsworth asked if the new regulations addressed properties that had shared wells, as he knew of two instances of shared wells in Town. The Board stated there was not, but thanked him for the comment. M. Brennan to review the regulation and revise accordingly to address properties with shared wells.

**8:00 p.m.** B. Allo made a motion to adjourn. E. Arvedon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2021.

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Eric Arvedon, Clerk/dp