

**TOWN OF WENHAM
BOARD OF HEALTH**

Meeting of Wednesday, September 14, 2016
Town Hall, 138 Main Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, § 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) was held on September 14, 2016 at 8:00 AM in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall.

With a quorum present, Dr. Ting called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM.

Board Members Present: Dr. Andrew Ting, Chair; Alyson Preston, RN; Gerald Donnellan

Also Present: Greg Bernard, Health Agent; John Kelley, Property Owner of 13 Meridian Road, Wenham; Stephen Sawyer, Professional Engineer; Brendan Sweeney, Town Hall Intern and Recording Secretary

New Business

1. State Title V Code Local Upgrade Approval: 13 Meridian Road (applicant) requesting a local upgrade approval regarding the property line set back for a septic system

Stephen Sawyer came before the Board on behalf of John Kelley's property (13 Meridian Road) to appeal for a property line set-back regarding a septic system, as they are trying to sell the house and would like to update the septic system. Health Agent Gregory Bernard states that as is the septic system would not be able to fit the standard criteria and that Kelley has done the best he could with the septic the way it is.

In response to questions of whether neighbor of the property has agreed, Sawyer states that they have notified the neighbor of the potential property line setback for the septic system, the neighbor has not filed an objection and thus they have received their green card back (as receipt of certified mail being sent to the abutter).

When presented with the scenario of a septic failure, Sawyer explained that the damage would be confined to only water overflow on the ground nearby. Sawyer explained that in the years Kelley's parents owned the home with their current septic system the basement of the house rarely saw water.

Alyson Preston asked a clarifying question about communications between Sawyer and the neighbors about how far the septic system would be off set from the property line to which Sawyer responded 7 feet.

Gregory Bernard clarified that the septic itself would normally be approved, however, the reason this must be brought before the Board is due to the proximity of the septic system to the property line.

Gerald Donnellan asked of the total area of the property, to which Stephen responded with an approximate estimate of 10,000 feet.

MOTION: to approve the request for the property line set back regarding the installation of the septic system by Chair Dr. Andrew Ting. Seconded by Alyson Preston. All in favor and motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 AM