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**TOWN OF HARWICH BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA
THURSDAY - MARCH 21, 2024 -6:30 P.M.
HARWICH TOWN HALL – DONN B. GRIFFIN ROOM
MEETING MINUTES**

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Sharon Pfleger, M.S., Clerk Ronald Dowgiallo, D.M.D. & Member Kevin DuPont, R.N.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chairwoman Pamela Howell, R.N. & Member Matt Antoine

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Health Director Carrie Schoener & Executive Assistant Stephanie Johnson

ONLINE: Water/Wastewater Superintendent Dan Pelletier

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I CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Pfleger called the meeting to order at 6:57p.m.

II NEW BUSINESS

Chairwoman Pfleger opened the hearing.

- A. HEARING – 0 Pleasant Bay Road, 3 Wilma's Way, Route 39 Traffic Island, 0 Standish Woods & Bova Cove Traffic Island. - Plumbing Code Variance 10.10 - Vote to accept/deny/take this under consideration.**

10.10 Table (1): Minimum facilities for building occupancy

Seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table (1) To allow a reduced number of toilet facilities that are required for a municipal sewer pump station.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Dan Pelletier first thanked the Board for organizing a meeting in order to accommodate a needed plumbing code variance application to the State's Plumbing Board. Mr. Pelletier added that the state plumbing code was updated in December with provisions requiring that unmanned, un-occupied pump stations have gender-neutral accessible bathrooms. Mr. Pelletier added that code changes were unpredicted during their initial design phase of the pump stations over the course of two years. Mr. Pelletier added that the pumping stations are being proposed on private landowners' property and that the Town has secured them for easements. The property owners requested that the easement, building and pump station footprints are to be a reduced size. Mr. Pelletier added that the sites would not be suitable to house a physical structure that would be needed to host a bathroom and that the requirement for the plumbing code variance application requires endorsement from the local Board of Health. He plans on going in front of the state's Plumbing Board in the first week of April.

Chairwoman Pfleger asked when the States Plumbing Board would decide on the approval of the plumbing code variance.

Mr. Pelletier replied that the Board should come to a decision during their meeting.

Ms. Schoener added that although the pump stations may be serviced by employees and staff and may require repairs, but the employees would not be regularly stationed at the pump station(s). Ms. Schoener added that the sites may not even be capable of having a tight-tank or septic system on the lots and doing so could severely impact these locations by adding a bathroom in these small pump stations that are not occupied.

Mr. Pelletier added that under the State's level inspections for pump stations generating under 100,000 gallons per day are only mandated to be inspected once per week meeting the minim requirement of occupancy. Though inspections are conducted on a daily basis to ensure all is operating.

Ms. Schoener added that the length of these inspections could possibly take only take ten minutes.

Mr. Pelletier agreed with Ms. Schoener's statement.

Motion: Mr. Dowgiallo motioned to support the plumbing code variance request for all four plumbing code variance cases.

Seconded: Mr. DuPont seconded the motion.

Vote: Approved 3-0-0.

Exhibits: 0 Pleasant Bay Road Plumbing Variance Application, 3 Wilma's Way Plumbing Variance Application, Route 39 Traffic Island Plumbing Variance Application, 0 Standish Woods Plumbing Variance Application & Bova Cove Traffic Island Plumbing Variance Application.

III ADJOURN-

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Motion: Mr. Dowgiallo motioned to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:10p.m.

Seconded: Mr. DuPont seconded the motion.

Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Johnson

The next meeting will be held Wednesday April 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

