



City of Methuen
Methuen Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday April 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM
Methuen City Hall Conference Room

Call to Order:

MOTION: Jodie Lamirande motioned to call the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
SECOND: Debra Rillahan seconded the motion
VOTE: Unanimous yes vote

Members in Attendance:

Jodie Lamirande, MSCJA, MSW, LICSW
Donald Marcus, DVM
Debra Rillahan, RN
Francesca Rogato, DCF, LSWA

Others in Attendance:

Caeli Tegan Zampach
Paula George
Alek Chongris

Acceptance of Minutes of February 18, 2025, BOH meeting:

MOTION: Jodie Lamirande motioned to approve minutes from the February 18, 2025
BOH meeting
SECOND: Deb Rillahan seconded the motion
VOTE: Unanimous yes vote

Discussion and Decision:

1. Variance for 468 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA

This variance is in reference to a repair to an existing septic system that failed. Applicant has applied for a building permit for a classroom in the existing building. Due to the size of the lot, the applicant is applying for a Local Upgrade Approval per Title 5 310 CMR.405 to allow for the best feasible repair within the lot. The proposed plan includes a setback of 5' to the foundation for the tanks and a 5" setback to the property line for the system.

The board discussed this and asked for a general overview of this request. Jodie Lamirande offered her observation that the requested location offers more efficient traffic flow and garbage truck access.

MOTION: Jodie Lamirande motioned to approve
SECOND: Donald Marcus seconded the motion
VOTE: Unanimous yes vote

Other Discussions:

Caeli Tegan Zampach announced the Code Enforcement Officer position has been filled under the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Shared Services Grant.

Francesca Rogoto asked for an update on Dollar Tree Inspections. Caeli Tegan Zampach informed the board that inspections have improved and are now being conducted quarterly.

MOTION: Deb Rillahan motioned to adjourn the meeting
SECOND: Donald Marcus seconded the motion
VOTE: Unanimous yes vote

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM