

**Town of Heath - Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2020**

1. The teleconference meeting was **called to order** at 12:00 pm.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Betsy Kovacs, Susan Gruen, Henry Godek, John Palmer, Armand Clavette (joined at 12:03pm)

ALSO PRESENT: Alex Weisheit-CP Law Attorney for Town, Randy Crochier-FRCOG Regional Health Agent, Gene Garland Exificio BoH member, Mary Sumner-BoH Clerk, Cheryl Woodard, Richard Thayer

2. Reviewed agenda. Betsy reviewed the items on today's agenda including the process for executive session. In response to a question from Richard Thayer, Betsy briefly explained the purpose of today's hearing is to give individuals the chance to discuss or speak to the issue of condemning 3 Ledge Road.

Betsy called the **hearing to order** and asked for the property owner to speak first. Cheryl Woodard noted they were still waiting for the Court to appoint a lawyer to help them through this process; with out a lawyer they feel in the dark.

Attorney Weisheit noted that hearing can proceed without them having an attorney as the hearing is for the owners to update BoH on any information of changes/repairs made to the property.

Richard noted his feeling that the septic system is functioning and is not an issue. He also noted that they have no financial means to repair the other noted housing violations. Cheryl noted her confusion on getting a loan for septic and house repairs.

Both Cheryl and Richard noted they have no place to move to and noted concern over Covid-19. They have been working to establish credit to qualify for a loan and have information on that for the BoH. They both need electricity for the medical equipment they need. Noted that having to move effects them and a relative living with them, 4 dogs, 1 cat, 1 bird and 1 turtle.

Betsy asked for BoH members to comment. No comments were made.

Attorney Weisheit advised BoH to close the public hearing and to move to executive session. He noted the owners of 3 Ledge Road will receive notice of the BoH decision by Monday, September 28, 2020

A motion by Susan Gruen to end the public hearing on 3 Ledge Road. Seconded by John.

Roll call vote: Susan – aye; John – aye, Armand -aye, Henry – aye; Betsy – aye.

The public hearing was closed at 12:19 pm

Betsy asked everyone except BoH members, BoH clerk, the attorney and Randy to leave the meeting.

John Palmer made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, Heath Board of Health v. Cheryl Woodard, Housing Court Department CA No. 20CV474.

Seconded by Susan.

Roll call vote: Susan – aye; John – aye, Armand -aye, Henry – aye; Betsy – aye.

Executive meeting began at 12:21pm

Returned to **regular BoH meeting** at 12:29pm.

No further business was on the agenda.

Motion by Susan to **adjourn** meeting at 12:31pm. Seconded by Armand.

Roll call vote: Susan – aye; John – aye, Armand -aye, Henry – aye; Betsy – aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes for this meeting written by Mary Sumner, BoH Clerk