

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021**

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Dr. Cervone, Chair called the In-Person and GoToMeeting of the Harding Township Board of Health to order on June 10, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. and announced the meeting was called in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey. Dr. Cervone asked the Secretary to call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Sharp called the following Board of Health members in attendance.

BOH Attendance: Mr. Boyan (via GoToMtg), Mrs. DiTosto (via GoToMtg), Mrs. McKittrick (in-person), Mr. Platt (in person), and Dr. Cervone (in person)

Absent: Dr. Kao and Dr. Lacz

Health Department Attendance: Mrs. Lisa Sharp and Mr. George Byrnes (both in person)

County of Morris Attendance: Miss Casey Brady, REHS (in person)

BOH Counsel: Mr. Joseph Sordillo, Esq. (via GoToMeeting)

Public: 1

MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2021:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions with regard to the May 13, 2021 minutes. Upon a motion made by Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Mr. Platt, and with votes of all ayes, none opposed, the minutes for the May 13, 2021 meeting were accepted.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2021:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly Health Department report for May 2021.

Mr. Byrnes reported on the following:

- Health Department is working on septic inspections and reviews of proposed septic systems.

With no further comments, Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to accept the May 2021 monthly Health Department report. Upon a motion made by Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Mr. Platt, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the monthly Health Department report for May 2021 was accepted.

**COUNTY OF MORRIS MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF
HARDING – MAY 2021:**

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any comments or questions with regard to the Morris County Monthly Report.

Miss Brady reported on the following:

- Small Village Deli and McElroy Café were inspected and received satisfactory ratings.
- Vaccination Mega Site will close around July 16, 2021. The site has administered about 326,898 vaccine doses.

With no further comments a motion was made to accept the May 2021 Monthly County of Morris report by Mr. Platt and seconded by Mrs. McKittrick, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed the monthly Morris County report for May 2021 was accepted.

OTHER MATTERS AND HEARING PERSONS PRESENT:

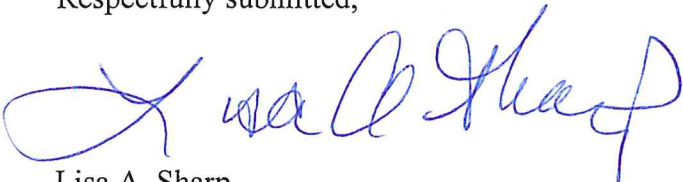
Mt. Kemble Lake Septic Pump Outs – Mr. Allyn, resident of Mt. Kemble Lake provided an update to the Board on the background of the Mt. Kemble Lake Community environment and how to increase their residents' knowledge and commitment to property operation and maintenance of septic systems. A copy of Mr. Allyn's presentation to the Board of Health is appended to these minutes. A discussion ensued.

Mrs. McKittrick thanked Mr. Allyn for his presentation and commented if the residents of Mt. Kemble Lake Community were asked what septic company they used to pump out their septic systems to see where the discrepancy might be. Mr. Allyn commented no but will be asked in the future. Mr. Allyn commented if a letter could go out to the septic companies reminding them of the Harding Township Ordinance. Mrs. Sharp commented a letter will go out to the septic companies.

July BOH Meeting – The Board of Health unanimously decided due to vacations that the Board would not meet for the month of July.

Seeing no further business, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Mr. Platt, seconded by Mrs. DiTosto, and with a vote of all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Board of Health

June 7, 2021

Board of Health:

Background

Mount Kemble Lake (MKL) Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)
concern about Lake and Community environment
“What can we do to increase/reinforce resident knowledge of and commitment to proper operation and maintenance of septic systems?”
Education: distribution of “*A Homeowner’s Guide to Septic Systems*” (late-April 2021)
Education: in-person Inform Meeting(s) for community - TBD
Data: ask for residents to voluntarily self-report most recent septic maintenance
Data: compile data from Harding Township Board of Health Monthly Meeting summaries of “*Septic Tank Pump Out Permits*”
Next steps: ??

Results (Self Reporting)

Request sent out to all MKL property owners 27-April-2021
By 5-June-2021, 46 residents self-reported (out of a total of 96 water connections)
Most recent pump age reported by year
[2014:1, 2015:1, 2017:2, 2018: 4, 2019:7, 2020: 14, 2021: 17]

Results (Township Monthly Report Data, 2010-2020)

Asked for reports from 1/2010 to present on or about 12-April-2021; had reports by 14-April-2021 (!)
Info received: Septic Company; Block; Lot; Owner Name; Address; Amount; Permit; Comment
Summary: Township-wide , average of 201/year; MKL: average of 16.5/year
For MKL, 96 septic, Average pump interval of between 5 and 6 years
For Township-wide, I expect between 1,000 and 1,200 systems, supporting similar 5-6 year interval average
MKL: 180 reports over the 11 year period
Counted at the Block-Lot level, 76 parcels are represented (of a total of 96 parcels with Septics)

Comparison: MKL Self-Reported vs. Township Monthly-Reports

For the 46 self-reported “most recent”,
15 had agreeing reports in the Monthly Reports
18 had self-reported more than a year more recent than Monthly Reports
13 had no reported info in Monthly Reports

Conclusions and Issues:

ESC believes such tracking can be an important supportive strategy for community awareness, but only if data is correct and up-to-date

I conclude from MKL Self-reporting, that Board of Health has a significant issue with pumpage permitting and/or reporting, roughly 1/3 of reports are missing altogether and another third show apparent reporting gaps. I speculate that Septic companies are not complying with Harding pumpage permitting and/or reporting requirements.

31/46 self reporting dates are not supported by Monthly Reporting

Chris Allyn
Mt Kemble Lake Environmental Stewardship Committee