

For Leelanau County Brd. Of Commissioners meeting July 19, 2022

To: Leelanau County Commissioners December 7, 2020

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*Nominal changes to clarify 7/19/22

Subject: Leelanau County Exec. Brd. Session of the Leelanau County Commission 12/8/20,

***Agenda Item 10, "Potential Septic Ordinance".

Dear Commissioners:

We respectfully request that the Executive Committee **not act** on this Agenda Item. It is **not** an issue to resolve! We're **unaware that electors of Leelanau County identify* this as a crisis and lawfully petitioned this commission to act on it.**

Per MCL 46.11 Leelanau County (Commissioners) must perform the **ministerial and administrative** activities/functions/duties of government to provide county inhabitants the **mandatory services** as required by law and other **essential services**. **Beyond that**, the county should **only address** any items/projects that Leelanau County Electors **lawfully petition** for (a rarity). That means the Commission/**Commissioners should not self-initiate (personal*) projects on their own.**

We have attended most of Leelanau County Commission meetings since 1989. We've read pages 83 thru 94 of the Meeting Packet. For the past **35 years** this **Item** appears to be the **20th(?) iteration** of an attempt to establish an **unnecessary, unneeded costly* septic ordinance**. It seems to indicate that some commissioners believe (by **virtue signaling**) that **residents/homeowners/inhabitants are unable to be self-reliant to properly take care of their needs**. And, that only a larger more **cost * bureaucracy can save us from ourselves and our unhealthy ways.**

This latest effort, as always, appears unsupported by a properly prepared report that **demonstrates/proves* need, necessity, justification**. If this was such an important issue/crises it would have been dealt* with by the state many years ago.

Appears odd at this pandemic time this Item becomes 'important' again. It seems commissioners have little else to do but conduct unnecessary/unproductive meetings (with the public always absent) merely to collect their stipend, meeting fees of \$40.00 or \$80.00 and collect mileage to attend.

Where are the medical, hospital reports and death certificates proving that on-site septic systems in Leelanau County have caused great harm? Where are the County/State Health Dept. report(s) advising such as well as advising the county that these government agencies are unable to properly protect county residents thus, demanding the county adopt a septic ordinance?*

It's understandable that commissioners "may" want to protect the environment but the **above noted meeting document fails to establish need/necessity. All* animal/foul/aquatic kingdom creatures residing around us excrete fecal matter on the land and waters. Perhaps it has been deemed by some commissioners that* such excretions do not exist or if so,* unlike humans, animal/foul/aquatic kingdoms' fecal matter is harmless...**

We respectfully request the Executive Committee/Board of Commissioners* **not act on this Agenda Item because need/necessity/justification has not been demonstrated/proven. Thank you. *** Stephen Mikowski