

**Board of Health Meeting
Joint Meeting with Select Board and Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2021**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a joint meeting with the members of the Select Board and members of the Finance Committee on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance included: Chairperson Donald Howes, Jason MacDonald, and Walter Swift. The meeting was held via Zoom, televised on the local cable station, and videotaped.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Howes called the board of health meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., noting that all members were present.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. E.L. Harvey & Sons, Inc. Contract

Mr. Howes reported that he has had preliminary discussions with the principal at E.L. Harvey & Sons, Inc. regarding renewing the contract for two one-year extensions at a possible three percent increase but nothing has been finalized yet. He is investigating the removal of the free bulk item collection from the contract resulting in residents paying for all bulk item collections.

Selectman Arcudi asked the Board of Health to complete a study in the next two or three years to see if a pay-as-you-go program would be feasible for the town.

2. Animal Control Officer

Town Administrator Schindler provided information on the regional animal control officer group and hoped to have the Town of Hopedale be a part of the group and enter into an IMA for the services.

Selectmen Arcudi stated that, while the information the town administrator provided was compelling, the decision to join the regional animal control group was the Board of Health's decision.

Mr. Howes reported that he has been in contact with a person from another town that could potentially be a new animal control officer for Hopedale. This person would work part time. He stated that he has been in contact with the town administrator of the other town and that town is not interested in joining with Hopedale via an IMA.

Mr. Howes stated that the board feels the current animal control officer is not providing the service and paperwork he should and has little interest in renewing his appointment.

Mr. Howes stated that the Board of Health will be holding additional meetings to come to a decision regarding the animal control officer position and will get back to the Select Board.

C. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa

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Recording Secretary

Approved: January 20, 2022

Documents provided for this joint meeting were a part of the October 21, 2021 regular meeting documents.