

**Board of Health Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2021**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance included: Chairperson Don Howes, Jason MacDonald, and Walter Swift. Also in attendance was Health Agent William Fisher. The meeting was on Zoom, televised on the local cable station and videotaped.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Howes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., noting that all members were present.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting Minutes: February 18, 2021

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 17, 2020, as amended. All voted in favor.

C. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Howes reported that he has spoken with the recycle center employees and schedules have been set. The recycle center will open on Saturday, April 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., weather permitting.

Mr. Howes reported he spoke with the E.L. Harvey representative to see if the entire town would benefit from using totes. The representative was going to talk with E.L. Harvey owners and look into grants and will get back to the board.

Mr. Howes reported that the Draper Mill demolition continues and there has been complaints of dust and lack of water. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Iacardi have spoken with representatives of the demo project.

D. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS – None.

Mr. Fisher reported that he went to the Draper Mill this day and water was hooked up to a boom and water was soaked on areas before it was taken down, and then more water was sprayed on the debris. He stated it was the best effort he has seen to date.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. COVID-19 Information Update: Vaccination Clinics

Mr. Fisher reported that the Southern Worcester Regional COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic in Uxbridge will be operational on March 22nd. The vaccine dispensing clinics will be held 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays in Upton. The Thursday clinics will be primarily for educators. The clinics are at the McCloskey Middle School on Capron Street. Thirteen area towns are part of these regional clinics; and the Hopedale Police and Fire Departments has been contacted and recruited. The clinic will be receiving the Pfiser vaccine and then later will receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

2. Other – None.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Disposal Works/Septic Plan: 47 Mellen Street

It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the disposal works/septic plan for 47 Mellen Street. All voted in favor.

2. Set Annual Permit Fee Schedule for FY2022

Board members noted they did not think it was a good idea to increase the annual permit fees for FY 2022.

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to make no revisions to the current annual permit fee schedule for FY 2022. All voted in favor.

3. Set Recycle Center Fee Schedule: Effective April 2021

Board members noted they did not think it was a good idea to increase the fees for the recycle center.

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to make not revisions to the current recycle center fee schedule for FY 2022. All voted in favor.

4. Annual Nomination of Inspector of Animals

It was noted that this position is an annual nomination that is sent into the state and is a different position from the animal control officer.

It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to nominate Kevin Sullivan as Inspector of Animals. All voted in favor.

5. Other – None.

G. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Expenditure Ledger: 02/28/2021
2. Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project FY22 Assessment Estimate

It was noted this document was a budget notification and compliance certification listing proposed cherry sheet assessments estimate to the town. Mr. Fisher noted that the Mosquito Control Commission contacted the town's conservation commission and did work on retention ponds and culverts.

3. Simple Recycling Per Pound Report: 2/28/2021

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Review of Annual Trash and Recycle Brochure

I. NEXT MEETING

1. Thursday, April 15, 2021

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:32 p.m., it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa

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Recording Secretary

Approved: April 15, 2021

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: February 18, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Disposal Works/Septic Plan: 47 Mellen Street (*available upon request*)
3. Board of Health Annual Permit Fee Schedule: FY2021
4. Recycle Center Annual Permit Fee Schedule: FY2021
5. Nomination of Inspector of Animals Form
6. Informational Items
 - a. Expenditure Ledger: 02/28/2021
 - b. Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project FY22 Assessment Estimate
 - c. Simple Recycling Per Pound Report: 2/28/2021