

**Board of Health Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2023**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a hearing followed by a regular meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Jason MacDonald, Walter Swift and Mary Watson. The meeting was videotaped.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., noting that all members were present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting: September 21, 2023

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 21, 2023. All voted in favor.

D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. MacDonald reported:

- The recycle center will be open on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and this is posted on the town's trash and recycling page and on Facebook.
- The old lock for the recycle center will continue to be used, as the police and fire departments need to have access.
- The gate at the old Thwing Street entrance is completely broken; he will speak with the town administrator regarding having it repaired.

E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS – None.

F. REPORT OF HEALTH AGENT – None.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Recycle Center

Mr. MacDonald reported that town counsel stated that volunteers and senior tax credit workers could not work at the recycle center. Mr. MacDonald and Ms. Watson were going to ask the specific reasons why they could not.

2. Other – None.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Boy Scouts Christmas Trees to Recycle Center

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to allow the boy scouts to drop off Christmas trees at the recycle center in January. All voted in favor.

2. Approval of Disposal Works Septic System Plan: 167 South Main Street

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the disposal works/septic system plan for 167 South Main Street, dated October 2, 2023, with a local upgrade/waiver under section 15.405 (1) (B) reductions of soil absorption system setback from cellar wall required by 310 CMR 15.211 (1), from 20 feet to 10 feet. All voted in favor.

3. Approval of Disposal Works Septic System Plan: 266 South Main Street

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the disposal works/septic system plan for 266 South Main Street, dated October 11, 2023, with a local upgrade/waiver under section 15.404 (3) (b) for a 1 inch reduction to ground water for the leach field to be 4 feet from ground water instead of 5 feet. All voted in favor.

4. Approval of Disposal Works Septic System Plan: 266A South Main Street

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the disposal works/septic system plan for 266A South Main Street, dated October 11, 2023. All voted in favor.

5. Approval of Disposal Works Septic System Plan: 5 Charlesgate Road

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the disposal works/septic system plan for 266A South Main Street, dated October 2, 2023. All voted in favor.

6. Other – Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 405 South Main Street.

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, that the board not approve the disposal works/septic system plan for 405 South Main Street at this time because the request to reduce the required 10.0 feet setback from a soil absorption system to a property line, under 21 CMR 15.211, to 5.0 feet can not occur because there is a discrepancy to the alleged property line as noted by an abutter. With a change of the current use of the property as a church to an office space, no variances/legal upgrades are allowed under Title V. Also, under Title V, all abutters must be notified in writing a minimum of 10 days prior to the Board of Health meeting date; this did not happen. All voted in favor.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Accounting Department Expenditure Ledger: 10/10/23

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

K. NEXT MEETING

1. November 16, 2023

L. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:27 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa

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Recording Secretary

Approved: January 18, 2024

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: September 21, 2023
2. Email re: Boy Scouts Request
3. Recommended Motions Memorandum
4. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 167 South Main Street
5. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 266 South Main Street
6. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 266A South Main Street
7. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 5 Charlesgate Road
8. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan: 405 South Main Street
9. Informational Items
 - a. Accounting Department Expenditure Ledger: 10/10/2023