

**Board of Health Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2024**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024, 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. Health Agent William Fisher was also present. The meeting was videotaped.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., noting that all members were present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting: October 19, 2023

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 19, 2023. All voted in favor.

D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. MacDonald reported that over the holidays Cumberland Farms ran out of the Hopedale blue trash bags, as well as Town Hall, and some local stores had not yet ordered the bags for sale. Town Hall was able to get an order of the bags.

E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

The board discussed having senior tax credit workers volunteer at the recycle center. It was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to further discuss with Ms. Mullen setting up a program to run on trial basis. All voted in favor.

F. REPORT OF HEALTH AGENT

Mr. Fisher reported:

- The illegal trailer at 156 Mendon Street has been removed from the property.
- The issue at Bright Beginnings program regarding his concerns for the safety of the students.
- The results of the blue trash bags shortage at area businesses.
- Issues with the proposed disposal works/septic plan for 405 South Main Street.
- Face masks were given to the police department.
- The Blackstone Valley Partnership has been funded through 2025 and has received an additional \$100,000 to hire additional personnel. And other updates related to this grant.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Draft: FY 2025 Budget Proposal

The board reviewed and discussed the draft FY2025 budget, which was submitted to the town administrator.

2. Draft: Annual Report July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The board reviewed the annual report.

3. Other

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to look into getting a Harvey recycle bin for the Community House. All voted in favor.

H. ACTION ITEMS - None.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Email from E.L. Harvey re: Home Park Ave.
2. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledgers: 11/7/23 and 12/6/23

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion of Senior Tax Credit Workers at Recycle Center

K. NEXT MEETING

1. February 15, 2024

L. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:33 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa

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Recording Secretary

Approved: _____

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Documents List**

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