

**Board of Health Meeting
Additional Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2022**

The Hopedale Board of Health held an additional meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom. Those in attendance included: Chairperson Donald Howes and Walter Swift, and Jason MacDonald. Health Agent Bill Fisher was also in attendance. The meeting was televised on the local cable station and videotaped.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Howes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., noting that all members were present.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Regional Animal Control

The meeting was held via Zoom hosted by Police Chief Marc Montminy and attended by representatives from the towns of Blackstone, Douglas, Mendon, Millville and Uxbridge.

The group received a grant in the amount of \$130,707. With the original proposed budget at \$214,000 and receipt of the grant, it brings the cost to be funded by the towns to \$83,293. This will cover the startup cost and a second vehicle. The cost to the Town of Hopedale will be approximately \$10,482. The second year of the program costs may go up. This is a one-year grant.

Chief Montminy would prepare a new budget based upon the grant amount and the number of towns participating in the regional program.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the group that the position of animal inspector be rolled into the animal control position but the program should be up and running for a year and then it will re-examine the issue.

The number of animal control positions and rates of pay were discussed. It was determined that the positions would be treated as employees of the Town of Uxbridge. There was discussion about possible administrative support. It was noted there would be a watchful eye on performance and expectations for the positions.

A draft Intermunicipal Agreement has been prepared and will be sent to the participating towns for review. Suggested revisions to the agreement should be sent to Chief Montminy so he can collate the changes.

C. ACTION ITEMS – None.

D. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:12 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Howes to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa

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Recording Secretary

Approved: April 28, 2022

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Joint Meeting with Regional Animal Control Program
Documents List**

1. Regional Animal Control Program Proposal