

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
Board of Health Meeting  
August 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.**

The Hopedale Board of Health held its regular meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Hopedale Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Chairman Robert Burns and Walter Swift. The meeting was videotaped.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Burns called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., noting that Edward Holland was absent.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Burns, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 27, 2017. All voted in favor.

**D. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Appointments**

a. Appointment of Gerard Small as a Part-Time Recycle Center Worker, effective August 5, 2017. – It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Burns, to appoint Gerard Small as a part-time recycle center worker. All voted in favor.

b. Appointment of John DePaolo as a Part-Time Recycle Center Worker, effective August 19, 2017 – It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Burns, to appoint John DePaolo as a part-time recycle center worker. All voted in favor.

**2. Declaration of Surplus**

a. The Dog Van – It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Burns, to recommend the dog van be declared as a surplus item. All voted in favor.

b. The Water Buffalo – It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Burns, to recommend the water buffalo be declared as a surplus item. All voted in favor.

**3. Recycle Center**

a. Open Additional Day – The board discussed the possibility of opening the recycle center an additional day. No votes were taken.

b. Open to Non-Residents and Applicable Fee – The board discussed the possibility of opening the recycle center to non-residents. It was the consensus of the board to table this item and review again at the next meeting.

c. Dumping of Leaves and Grass – The board discussed the possibility of opening the recycle center to local businesses for the dumping of leaves and grass. No votes were taken.

d. Composting Pile for Residents and Commercial Businesses – The board discussed starting a composting pile at the recycle center. No votes were taken.

#### **4. Approval Process of Well Plans**

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Burns, that the process for review and approval of well permits will be as follows: Upon submission of a well plan, the Health Agent will review and approve the plan. Once approved, the well driller will be contacted and advised that the project may begin. The plans will then be brought forward at the next board of health meeting for official approval by the board. All voted in favor.

#### **5. Approval Process for Septic Plans: Revised**

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Burns, to revise the process for review and approval of septic plans, which was established at the July 27, 2017 meeting. The process will be as follows: Upon submission of a septic plan, the Health Agent will review and approve the plan. Once approved by the Health Agent, the homeowner and engineer will be contacted and advised that the project may begin. The plans will then be brought forward at the next board of health meeting for official approval by the board. All voted in favor.

#### **6. Review/Approval of Wellness Clinics at Senior Center**

The board discussed the number of wellness clinics held at the senior center and the number of clinics offered through the Salmon Home Care VNA & Hospice of Greater Milford. It was the consensus of the board that Mr. Burns would contact Nurse Watson to discuss the clinics in more detail.

#### **7. Additional Action Item: Approval of Variance on Sewage Disposal System for 316 South Main Street**

It was noted that Title V Section 15.221(7) states: *“The top of all system components, including the septic tank, distribution box, pump chamber, dosing chamber and soil absorption system, shall be installed no more than 36” below*

*finish grade.*” The engineer for the septic project has submitted a revised plan, dated August 16, 2017. This plan has a proposed venting for the leaching lines with approximate coverage over lines of 2.8’ to 3.85’. Therefore, the Board needs to vote on a variance.

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Burns, that the Board approve a variance on the sewage disposal system at 316 South Main Street, Hopedale, to allow proposed venting for the leaching lines with approximate coverage over lines of 2.8’ to 3.85’. All voted in favor.

#### **E. DISCUSSION**

##### **1. Waste Zero Recycling for Clothing and Textiles**

The board briefly discussed this curbside recycling project. It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Burns, to allow Mr. Burns to pursue this project. All voted in favor.

#### **F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mr. Burns noted the informational items in the board member’s packet, which included: (1) Letters regarding asbestos in town hall building; (2) Copy of summons re: property at 121 Plain Street (ice rink); and (3) Wheelabrator 2017 Disposal Services Fee CPI Increase Notice

#### **G. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be Thursday, September 21, 2017.

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 6:45 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Burns, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa  
Recording Secretary

**Approved: September 21, 2017**

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**Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: July 27, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. Proposed FY2018 Meeting Schedule
3. Copy of Board of Health Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2016
4. Additional Action Item: Approval of Variance on Sewage Disposal System for 316 South Main Street
5. Information on Waste Zero Curbside Textiles Recycling
6. Letter from Robert Speroni to Board of Selectmen re: Board of Health Letter on Asbestos in Building.
7. Information re: Summons Received at Town Hall re: Ice Rink
8. Wheelabrator Disposal Services Fee CPI Increase Letter