

**Board of Health Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a hearing followed by a regular meeting on Thursday, September 15, 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Walter Swift, Jason MacDonald and Mary Watson. The meeting was videotaped and held on Zoom.

HEARING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Swift called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m., noting that all members were present. Also present was Blackstone Valley Partnership Health Agent/Inspector Daniel Markman

B. HEARING ON 4-8 PIERCE STREET

Owners Minaa Gaber and Raouf Mankaryous were present and reviewed the sequence of events leading up to the condemnation of the property.

Mr. Markman described the details of the inspection process and discussions with the owners, town administrator, and town counsel.

Mr. Swift noted that the Board was doing its job for the health and safety of Hopedale residents and there were numerous violations.

Mr. MacDonald noted that the fire department will need to do an inspection and the health agent will need to do an inspection prior to lifting the condemnation order and anyone living in the property.

Mr. Swift noted that it was time for everyone to move forward in a positive light.

C. ADJOURN HEARING

At 6:28 p.m. it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Watson, to adjourn the hearing. All voted in favor.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Swift called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., noting that all members were present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft Minutes: September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 15, 2022. All voted in favor.

D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Swift noted that he received from the water department a zone delineation well map that should have been attached to and made a part of the Board of Health's Groundwater Protection Regulations. He stated he would like the regulation to come before the board for approval again with the map attached

E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. MacDonald reported that he had delivered a trash regulation violation to 95 Jones Road for excessive trash curbside and a follow-up with the resident showed positive progress.

Ms. Watson asked if ARPA funds could be used for the purchase of laptops for board members. After discussion, Ms. Watson stated she would follow up with the town administrator and also would like to attend future department head meetings.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 153 Hopedale Street – Trash Truck Issue

After discussion of the E.L Harvey truck not turning around in this resident's driveway and backing down Hopedale Street to the bridge, Mr. MacDonald stated he would contact E.L. Harvey and the resident to try to resolve this issue.

2. Spindleville Pond Cyanobacteria Update

The recent lab tests were reviewed and it was noted that the bacteria levels were significantly reduced and the warning sign could be removed.

3. Waste Zero Overage Trash Bags Update

After review, it was the consensus of the board that the retailer letter provided by Waste Zero was good and they could proceed.

4. Review Health Agent Position

It was noted that there has been only one applicant for the position. It was also noted that the Town of Mendon is interested in possibly sharing a health agent part time to make the position full time between the two towns. Ms. Watson will contact Mendon to further discuss details.

5. Draft Trash Regulations

The board discussed the proposed Trash Regulations and noted that language should be added regarding the use of designated solid waste and recycling totes and designated trash bags.

6. Draft Well Regulations

The board discussed the proposed Well Regulations and noted no changes to the draft regulations.

7. Other – None.

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Site Plan Review: 187 Hopedale Street Parking Lot Canopy Solar Installation Project

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to acknowledge no objections to this plan. All voted in favor.

2. Other – None.

H. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Capital Planning & ARPA Data from D. Schindler: 9/19/22
- b. Blackstone Valley Animal Control Memo: 9/22/22
- c. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledger: 10/13/22

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Approval of Well Regulations
- 2. Approval of Trash Regulations
- 3. Approval of Groundwater Protection Regulations

J. NEXT MEETING

1. November 17, 2022

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:08 p.m., it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Watson, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa

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Recording Secretary

Approved: November 17, 2022

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**Board of Health
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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Email from Mendon Board of Health
3. Health Agent Data Update
4. Email re: 153 Hopedale Street Trash Truck Issue
5. Spindleville Pond Cyanobacteria Report
6. Waste Zero Overflow Trash Bags Email
7. Draft Trash Regulations
8. Draft Well Regulations
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