

Regular Meeting Minutes
Joint Meeting with Water and Sewer Commission
Board of Health Meeting
January 17, 2019

The Hopedale Board of Health held a joint meeting with the Water and Sewer Commission on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Draper Room, Hopedale Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Walter Swift, Jason MacDonald, and Donald Howes. Health Agent William Fisher was also present. Members of the Water and Sewer Commission included: Christine Burke and Tim Watson. The meeting was videotaped.

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 20, 2018. All voted in favor.

D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Swift welcomed the newly appointed member, Donald Howes.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Ground Water Regulation

Mr. Swift noted that there are town by-laws and board of health regulations regarding ground water protection.

Mr. Watson noted that the conservation commission and town had not come me to a ruling regarding the property backing up to the Grafton-Upton Railroad if the town backing up to the railroad is under the control of the railroad or the town.

Ms. Burke It was noted that both boards have a requirement to protect the town's water supply and the boards need to determine if there is a threat to the town's water supply.

Ms. Burke noted that neither the town administrator nor town counsel could assist with the determination of preemptive rights for the railroad because of the current lawsuit against the town. Ms. Burke questioned what type of testing is being done, either surface or deep well, and who is getting the results. It was suggested that perhaps an independent engineering consultant could be brought in. The Mass. DEP stated it could not participate in an opinion because it is the appealing board in these issues.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of both boards to hold to hold a three-board meeting, possibly with the board of selectmen, to discuss the issue further.

2. Other – None.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Howes, to appoint Jason MacDonald as chairperson during Mr. Swift's absence. All voted in favor.

2. Annual Appointment of Animal Control Officer

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Howes, to appoint Kevin Sullivan as animal control officer. All voted in favor.

3. Other – None.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

Information items included: (1) Expenditure Ledgers: 12/31/18; (2) Letter of Recommendation to Board of Selectmen re: Board of Health Vacancy; and (3) Salmon VNA & Hospice Quarterly Report.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include: FY2020 Budget Discussion

K. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be Thursday, February 21, 2019.

L. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 6:57 p.m., it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa

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Recording Secretary

Approved: February 21, 2019

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Documents List

1. Draft Minutes: December 20, 2018
2. Groundwater Protection Regulation - BOH
3. Groundwater Protection District By-Law
4. Letter from Department of Agriculture Resources re: Appointment of Animal Control Officer.
5. Informational Items
 - a. Expenditure Ledgers: 12/31/18
 - b. Letter of Recommendation to Board of Selectmen re: Board of Health Vacancy
 - c. Salmon Quarterly Report