

**Board of Health Meeting  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2019**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Hopedale Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Jason MacDonald and Donald Howes. The meeting was videotaped.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., noting that Mr. Swift was absent.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting: September 17, 2019

It was moved by Mr. Howes, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 17, 2019. All voted in favor.

**D. DISCUSSION**

1. Animal Control Officer Kevin Sullivan – None.

**E. REPORT OF THE CHAIR – None.**

**F. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Howes noted that a scrap metal company has collected all the air conditioners, dehumidifiers and hazardous batteries from the recycle center at no cost to the town.

Mr. Howes stated he would like the board to send a letter to the police department requesting that they keep its electronic message board available for usage until after the annual free flu shot clinics and household hazardous waste day so that the board can request its use.

**G. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Closing of Recycle Center for Months of January, February and March

The Board discussed closing the recycle center again for the months of January, February, and March noting that it would only be open to accept the Christmas trees gathered by the Boy Scouts.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Howes, seconded by Mr. MacDonald to close the recycle center for the months of January, February, and March 2020.

Mr. Howes noted that the annual household hazardous collection day will be Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be a charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per trunk load; it is open to Hopedale residents only; no commercial entities; and proof of residency is required.

2. Other – **Approval of Proposed Sewage Disposal System for 11 Lloyd Street.**

The engineer has requested a local upgrade approval. Per 310 CMR 15.284 – to allow the soil absorption system to be installed three (3) feet above seasonal high groundwater with the installation of the Eljen GSF system, per DEP’s “Remedial Use Approval”, dated September 26, 2014. DEP approval is not required. Health Agent Bill Fisher has reviewed and approved the plan. It comes before the Board for approval because of the three-foot (3’) separation to ground water.

A deed restriction document must accompany the “As Built” plan in order for the Health Agent to authorize a Certificate of Compliance because the DEP has approved this system for remedial use.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Howes, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, that the Board approve a variance for local upgrade on the proposed sewage disposal system at 11 Lloyd Street, and allow the soil absorption system to be installed three (3) feet above seasonal high groundwater with the installation of the Eljen GSF system, per DEP’s “Remedial Use Approval”, dated September 26, 2014. All voted in favor.

**H. DISCUSSION ITEMS - continued**

Mr. MacDonald noted that Simple Recycling, which is the curbside collection of textiles, will start-up on November 18<sup>th</sup> and will follow the regular trash and recycle collection schedule and routes. A press release will be sent shortly, as well as the delivery of the “pink bags” to all residents.

Mr. MacDonald noted that the town still has had no response from the Grafton-Upton Railroad regarding fly ash.

Mr. MacDonald noted that Steve Sette is leaving as town administrator will be October 25<sup>th</sup> and wished him well.

Mr. MacDonald suggested that before the Board of Health sets a regulation for a full ban on vaping products sold in Hopedale, it waits to see what the state will do after the four-month ban.

**I. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Letter to Tobacco Retailers re: Ban on Vaping Products and E-Cigarettes
2. Letter to Troop 1 Hopedale Boy Scouts re: Recycle Center
3. Expenditure Ledgers: 9/30/19
4. Budget Line Item Transfer

**J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Report on Free Flu Shot Clinics
2. Report on Household Hazardous Waste Day
3. FY2021 Budget Discussion
4. Data Sheet for Pond Water Testing and State Limits

Mr. Howes noted that recycle center employee Bernie Hickey was ill and wished him a speedy recovery.

**K. NEXT MEETING**

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

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 6:20 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Howes, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol A. Villa*

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Recording Secretary

**Approved: November 21, 2019**

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**Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: September 19, 2019 Regular Meeting
2. Questions for Animal Control Officer Kevin Sullivan
3. Sewage Disposal Plan for 11 Lloyd Street, Hopedale – *available upon request*
4. Informational Items
  - a. Letter to Tobacco Retailers re: Ban on Vaping Products and E-Cigarettes
  - b. Letter to Troop 1 Hopedale Boy Scouts re: Recycle Center
  - c. Expenditure Ledgers: 9/30/19
  - d. Budget Line Item Transfer