

**Board of Health Meeting  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2020**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Hopedale Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Chairperson Jason MacDonald, Donald Howes, and Walter Swift. The meeting was not open to the public but was videotaped.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., noting that all members were present. He also noted that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law (OML), G.L. c30A §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Hopedale Board of Health is not be open to the public but will be televised on the local cable station.

**B. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER**

1. Appointment of Chair

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to appoint Don Howes as Chairperson. All voted in favor.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. Howes, to appoint Jason MacDonald as Vice Chairperson. All voted in favor.

Mr. Howes thanked Mr. MacDonald for his service as Chair over the past year.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting: May 28, 2020

It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 28, 2020. All voted in favor.

**D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Mr. Howes reported that the town playground will open Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and there would be no sanitation or toilets available and masks should be worn

and social distancing should be observed. The health agent is reviewing the plans for the summer craft and summer tennis program.

Mr. Howes reported that no permits for demolition were pulled for the Draper building and the health agent and building inspector did a site visit this day. He noted that the Board of Health should be ready for possible rats vacating the property.

#### **E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Swift noted there was a recent rooster complaint that has been brought to the attention of the animal inspector.

Mr. MacDonald gave a kudos to everyone working at the town election and to those who voted.

Mr. Howes stated that residents should place their items for curbside bulk pickup on the edge of their property and not block sidewalks and noted that Harvey's bulk item pickup day is now Thursdays.

#### **F. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **1. Review of 2005 Regulations Concerning Trash Disposal Containers**

Board members reviewed the 2005 regulation and agree that some changes to reflect current issues should be addressed in the regulations. Revisions will be made and brought forward for approval at a future meeting.

Mr. Howes noted that the dumpsters behind town hall are for the exclusive use of the town hall and they are not for residential use. The Board may have to place a sign that reads "for Town Hall use only" and possibly have a lock placed on them if residents continue to use them.

##### **2. FY2021 Budget Discussion**

Board members briefly discussed the proposed FY20212 budget needs and scenarios.

##### **3. Other**

a. FY2021 Board Meeting Schedule - Board members approved the proposed meeting schedule for FY2021.

b. Liaison List - Board members set which members would be liaisons to other town board and departments and asked to have that list shared with all parties.

## **G. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of FY2021 Salmon VNA & Hospice Contract

After review of the contract and noting the increase in the fee, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald to accept the contract, and authorize the chair to sign the contract. All voted in favor.

## **H. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Budget Transfer: 5/26/2020
2. Accounting Office Expenditure Ledger: 5/31/20
3. Central Mass Mosquito Control Project Email re: Enhanced Larval Treatments
4. Simple Recycling Report: Pound (not Tonnage)

## **I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Review of No-Smoking on Town Property Regulation

## **J. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be Thursday, July 16, 2020.

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 6:58 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: July 16, 2020**

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: May 28, 2020 Regular Meeting
2. FY 2021 Meeting Schedule
3. FY 2021 Board of Health Liaisons
4. Salmon VNA & Hospice FY2021 Contract
5. BOH Regulations Concerning Trash Disposal Containers
6. Health Agent's Orders and Guidance During COVID-19 Pandemic
  - a. Summer and Fall Youth Programs
  - b. Guidance for Places of Worship
  - c. Re-Entry to Town Buildings and Departments
7. Informational Items
  - a. Budget Transfer: 5/26/2020
  - b. Accounting Office Expenditure Ledger: 5/31/20
  - c. Central Mass Mosquito Control Project Email re: Enhanced Larval Treatments
  - d. Simple Recycling Report: Pound (not Tonnage)
  - e. Central Mass. Mosquito Control Letter re: Abandoned Swimming Pools

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