

**Board of Health Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2021**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Chairperson Don Howes, Jason MacDonald, and Walter Swift. Also in attendance was Health Agent William Fisher. The meeting was televised on the local cable station and videotaped.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Howes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., noting that all members were present.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting Minutes: July 29, 2021

It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 29, 2021. All voted in favor.

C. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Howes reported: there were a few animal incidents in town; there were 14 COVID-19 cases reported to date with 7 still active; and the board was waiting to learn when the flu vaccine clinics would take place.

D. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. MacDonald noted there was one case of West Nile virus in Hopedale. He also asked about the status of the disposal works/septic plans for 200 Freedom Street.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None.

F. ACTION ITEMS

Mr. MacDonald asked the board members if they would be willing to expedite the approval process for the disposal works/septic plans for 200 Freedom Street, as the owner was very anxious to start the project because he was trying to sell the property.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to expedite the approval process, without setting precedent, for the disposal works/septic plans for 200 Freedom Street and have the board approve the plans at this meeting, contingent upon the final review and approval of the health agent. All voted in favor.

G. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Copy of Letter to Payroll Department
2. Letter to Residents at 6 Jackson Way
3. Email to Town Administrator re: E.L. Harvey Contract
4. Email to E.L. Harvey re: Successor Contract Negotiations
5. Email to Town Administrator et al re: Request for Increase
in Professional & Technical Line Budget for FY2022
6. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledger: 8/18/21

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Report on Flu Vaccine Clinics
2. Determination on Household Hazardous Waste Day

I. NEXT MEETING

1. Thursday, October 21, 2021

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa
Recording Secretary

Approved: October 21, 2021

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