

**Board of Health Meeting  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2021**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 21, 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: September 16, 2021

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 16, 2021, as amended. All voted in favor.

**C. REPORT OF THE CHAIR – None.**

**D. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Swift reported he had positive feedback regarding the spillage issues with one of the E.L. Harvey trash trucks.

Mr. Howes explained that some residents had reported swill and garbage and glass coming from one of the Harvey trash trucks; so he followed the truck, took pictures and reported the issue to Harvey, which they took care of.

Mr. MacDonald reported that everything was running well at the recycle center.

**E. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **E.L. Harvey & Sons Trash and Recycle Collection Contract Negotiations**

Mr. Howes reported that he contacted the Upton town administrator to see if Upton was interested in discussing a multi-town trash contract to see if there would be any cost savings. The Upton town administrator was not interested in pursuing a multi-town contract. Mr. Howes also reported that he had been in touch with the E.L. Harvey representative who stated that a multi-

town contract between Upton and Hopedale would not be practical as Upton has a pay-as-you-throw program and services related to that program would not be compatible to Hopedale's program.

## **2. Animal Control/Animal Inspector Position**

Mr. Howes questioned the board whether or not it wanted to have animal control officer control and stated that he did not think it was a good idea to be part of a regional group. He reported that he had a meeting with the animal control officer from Upton at which he was informed that Hopedale is not issuing sufficient fines, there is an insufficient paper trail of incidents, and the animal control officer from Upton would be interested in working for Hopedale part time. Mr. Howes also noted that there is a joint meeting of the Board of Health, Select Board and Finance Committee on Monday, October 25, at which the issue of joining a regional group will be discussed.

It was the consensus of the Board to attend the joint meeting with the Select Board and Finance Committee and see what direction should be taken.

## **3. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**

Board members reviewed the data on household hazardous waste collection along with the proposal from New England Disposal Technologies. It was the consensus of the Board not to require residents to have a vehicle recycle center sticker for the event. It was also the consensus of the Board to charge residents \$30.00 per truck load.

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, that the Board accept the proposal from New England Disposal Technologies for a household hazardous waste collection day, the date to be determined, and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement. All voted in favor.

## **4. Other – None.**

## **F. ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Approval of Disposal Works/Septic System Plans: 336 South Main Street, Lot #2**

After a review of the plans, it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the disposal works/septic system plans for 336 South Main Street. All voted in favor.

**G. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledger: 9/16/21

**H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Report on Free Flu Vaccine Clinic
2. Report on Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
3. Preliminary Discussion on FY'2023 Budget
4. Body Art Regulations
5. Septic Inspection Regulations

**I. NEXT MEETING**

1. Thursday, November 18, 2021

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:00 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*

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Recording Secretary

**Approved: January 20, 2022**

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: September 16, 2021
2. Email from Town Administrator re: Regional Animal Control: 10/12/21
3. New England Disposal Technologies Quote and Data
4. Informational Items
  - a. Email Thread re: BOH Emails
  - b. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledger: 9/16/21

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Additional Action Items**

1. List of Additional Action Items with Recommended Motions
2. Notes on Meeting on October 20, 2021 with Upton Animal Control
3. Copy of Email Thread to/from Diana Schindler re: Request for Data on Animal Control and E.L. Harvey & Sons, Inc. Contract
4. Email Thread to from Diana Schindler and Chris Nadeau re:  
ACO Van
5. Disposal Works/Septic System Plan for 336 South Main Street, Lot #2