

**Board of Health Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2022**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Chairperson Donald Howes, Walter Swift, and Jason MacDonald. 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 Mr. Swift was absent or all members were present.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft Minutes: October 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 21, 2021. All voted in favor.

2. Draft Minutes: October 25, 2021 Joint Meeting with Select Board and Finance Committee

It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the joint meeting with select board and finance committee of October 25, 2021. All voted in favor.

3. Draft Minutes: November 3, 2021 Workshop Meeting

It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to approve the workshop meeting minutes of November 3, 2021. All voted in favor.

4. Draft Minutes: November 18, 2021 Regular Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 18, 2021). All voted in favor.

C. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Howes reported that the Boy Scouts Christmas tree drop off at the recycle center went well. He spoke with the Boy Scouts leader about possible help with some work with one of the sheds.

D. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. MacDonald reported that the Hopedale Housing Authority reported empty rat traps at the complex

Mr. MacDonald asked about the Regional port-a-johns at the Draper site and it was noted that Mr. Fisher spoke with a Regional Restrooms representative and he was satisfied with their response.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. FY2023 Budget

Board members reviewed the proposed FY 2023 budget. No changes were made to the proposed budget.

2. Animal Control/Animal Inspector Position

Board members reviewed an email which provided information for a Zoom meeting on the regionalization of the animal control/animal inspector position. Board members briefly discussed the issue of the animal control officer being under the board of health department or passing it over to the Select Board; and would the Select Board take it over. It was the consensus of the board members to have the chairperson go before the Select Board at its next meeting and propose that question.

3. E.L. Harvey Trash Contract Renewal

Mr. Howes noted it would be beneficial to enter into another one-or two-year contract renewal with E.L. Harvey. He stated that he had a conversation with the E.L. Harvey representative and discussed the possibility of trash and recycle carts for Hopedale residents, paid for by E.L. Harvey. The owner of the carts, Harvey, the Town or the residents to be determined. Mr. Howes stated that he had a meeting with the Harvey representative next week and would report back to the board members.

4. Other – Stormwater Prevention Plan

Mr. MacDonald reported he attended a meeting on the stormwater prevention plan with the highway department and the water/sewer department. Issues discussed related to the Board of Health were the following:

1. Oil tank at the recycle must be in a concrete container, which is used by the highway department and water/sewer department. The highway department has it emptied.
2. Port-a-john must sit on a tray.
3. Brush piles must be contained by hay bales.
4. Wood and metal dumpsters must have a canopy.
5. Household Hazardous Waste Day should be in another location.
6. The piles of brush on the north side of the entrance should be pulled away from the wetlands; the Highway Department will manage this.
7. School buses need to be inspected daily; the water/sewer department will manage this.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approve and Accept Danielle Edmands and Daniel Markman as Board of Health Agents for the Town of Hopedale: Paid by and under direction of the Blackstone Valley Shared Public Health Services Grant**

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve and accept Danielle Edmands and Daniel Markman as Board of Health Agents for the Town of Hopedale, who are paid by and under the direction of the Blackstone Valley Shared Public Health Services Grant. All voted in favor.

2. **Approve and Accept Daniel Edmands as Animal Inspector for the Town of Hopedale: Paid by and under the direction of the Blackstone Valley Shared Public Health Services Grant.**

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve and accept Danielle Edmands as Animal Inspector for the Town of Hopedale, who will be paid by and under the direction of the Blackstone Valley Shared Public Health Services Grant. All voted in favor.

3. **Approval of Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) for Local Public Health Services Amendment #1**

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) for Local Public Health Services Amendment #1 and authorize the chairperson to execute the document. All voted in favor.

4. Other – None.

G. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Salmon VNA Email re: Flu Vaccine Data
2. Notice: Disposal Works Septic System Permits Ending December 15, 2021
3. Accounting Department Expenditure Ledger: 11/24/21, 12/8/21, 12/17/21, and 1/6/21

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. FY2023 Budget Discussion

I. NEXT MEETING

1. Thursday, February 17, 2022

Mr. Howes announced that his term on the board was ending in May and he would not be running again

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:54 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: February 17, 2022

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Documents List**

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5. Draft FY2023 Budget Proposal
6. Notes on Chairman's Meeting on October 20, 2021 re: Animal Control Officer
7. Notes on November 3, 2021 Workshop Meeting re: Animal Control Officer
8. Regional Animal Control Meeting Email
9. Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health Amendment #1
10. Informational Items
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