

**Board of Health Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2022**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 17, 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 all members were present.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft Minutes: February 17, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 17, 2022. All voted in favor.

C. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Howes reported there will be another Regional Animal Control Partnership meeting with the Uxbridge Police Chief and representatives from other towns.

Mr. Howes stated that E.L. Harvey asks residents to please keep trash bins at the curb away from vehicles with a minimum of 2 feet apart with the handles facing the house.

D. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. MacDonald reported that the Housing Authority is finding less rats within the complex which is believed to be due to a redtail hawk in the area, a natural pest control measure.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. E.L. Harvey Trash Contract Renewal

Mr. Howes reviewed recent meetings he had with the representatives of E.L. Harvey. Items of discussion included a new contract, removing the free bulk item collection service, and providing 64-gallon and 96-gallon carts. Also,

establishing no parking on one side of the street in Bancroft Park on trash collection days. The police department has given its support for this, E.L. Harvey will bear the cost of the signs, and the highway department will put up the signs. Board members had a draft contract for their review.

2. Hopedale Hazard Mitigation Plan Progress re: Recycle Center

Mr. MacDonald gave a brief report on the recent stormwater management plan meeting on February 26th with the Rebecca, the representative from Weston & Sampson. He noted that they still want a tray under the port-a-john and he is working with Regional Restrooms on this issue. The oil tank will be eliminated from the recycle center. The sheds were fine. Heavy-gage tarps will be placed above the wood and metal dumpsters for now. The grass and leaves pile should be in a designated area have to have concrete blocks on the side. These changes should be done by June.

3. Smoking and Tobacco Regulations for Town of Hopedale: Draft

Board members reviewed the draft Smoking and Tobacco Regulations for the Town of Hopedale, which have been revised to incorporate all board regulations into one document. The regulations will come before the board at a future meeting for approval.

4. Other – None.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Simple Recycling Agreement Renewal Amendment

Mr. Howes reviewed the conditions of the renewal amendment, noting that the company would now take items by appointment only and not rely on the regular trash and recycle collection day. It was also noted that collection items will not longer need to be placed in pink bags.

After review and discussion of the amendment, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the Simple Recycling Agreement Renewal Amendment and authorize the chairperson to executive the amendment. All voted in favor.

2. Approval of Annual Animal Permit Fee

The board members reviewed the survey of animal permit fees in area towns and Health Agent Danielle Edmands recommendation to establish an animal permit fee.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to establish an animal permit fee at \$20.00, effective July 1, 2022. All voted in favor.

3. Approval of FY2023 Annual Permit Fee Schedule

Board members reviewed the annual permit fee schedule.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to set the FY2023 Annual Permit Fee Schedule at the same rates as the FY2022 schedule. All voted in favor.

4. Approval of Recycle Center Permit Fee Schedule

Board members reviewed the Recycle Center Permit Fee Schedule.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to make no changes to the Recycle Center Permit Fee Schedule. All voted in favor.

5. Other – None.

G. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Town of Hopedale Code of Conduct and Ethics
2. Salmon VNA & Hospice Annual Report
3. Accounting Department Expenditure Ledger: 3/2/22

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. E.L. Harvey Trash Contract Renewal

I. NEXT MEETING

1. Thursday, April 21, 2022

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:59 p.m., it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Swift, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa

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Recording Secretary

Approved: April 28, 2022

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: February 17, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Draft: Smoking and Tobacco Regulations for Town of Hopedale
3. Simple Recycling Agreement Renewal Amendment
4. Simple Recycling Agreement: July 18, 2019
5. Animal Permit Fee Survey Area Towns
6. Memo re: Establish Keeping of Animals Permit Fee
7. Emails re: Animal Control Revolving Account Deposits
8. Hopedale FY2022 Annual Permit Fee Schedule
9. Annual Fee Schedule Comparison of Area Towns
10. Recycle Center Permit Fee Schedule
11. Informational Items
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