

**Board of Health Meeting  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2022**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Walter Swift, Jason MacDonald and Mary Watson. The meeting was videotaped and held on Zoom.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Heather Lewis of 17 Ben's Way and Ms. Colleen Stone of 21 Ben's Way both expressed their concerns for the 75 Plain Street Development project noting that there were over 70 private drinking wells in the area and the impact on the health and safety of residents as it relates to clean air and clean drinking water.

**G. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Decision of 75 Plain Street Development**

Mr. Swift thanked residents for their comments on the project and thanked the petitioners for setting up the site visit at which he learned a great deal about the property. He noted that he put a lot of thought into this project and what concerned him the most was that the process was not followed as it related to notifying the Board of Health further noting that the project information should have come from the petitioners or the planning board.

Mr. MacDonald stated that he was under the impression that the project was in compliance with the Groundwater Protection and Surface Water Regulations and anything that could be done to clean up the site, while abiding by these regulations, would be a benefit to the town.

Ms. Watson stated that if the property stays with the current owners, the site may never get cleaned up. She also stated that she would like to see enforcement of traffic at the site.

Mr. Swift stated that, if the project does not go forward, the Board of Health could compel the current owners of the property to clean up the site. Mr. Swift noted that the planning board has already voted on the project and hearings on this project are closed. In closing, he stated that he believed the chain of information distribution was flawed and not followed and residents in town need to know what is going on.

It was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, that the 75 Plain Street Development plan is in compliance with the Board of Health's Groundwater Protection Regulations and the Surface Water Regulations. Voting in favor: Ms. Watson and Mr. MacDonald. Mr. Swift abstained as he was not comfortable with the entire review process.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Draft Minutes: August 25, 2022 Regular Meeting**

It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 25, 2022. All voted in favor.

**D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR – None.**

**E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Watson stated there were no reportable COVID-19 cases as of Wednesday, as people are testing at home. She encouraged residents to get the next round of booster shots.

**F. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Procedure for reviewing Health Agent Applications**

As a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the board that Ms. Watson would review the health agent applications and bring forward finalists for the entire board of interview.

**G. ACTION ITEMS - *continued***

**2. Award of Contract to Waste Zero**

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Watson, to award the contract for overage trash bags to Waster Zero and set the price per roll of 5 bags and \$7.50 and \$275 per case of 40rolls. All voted in favor.

**3. Scope of Work for Ed Caracino/Excavating Solutions**

At its August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, Ed Caracino was approved to review and give initial approval/denial of disposal works/septic plans.

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to include in Ed Caracino's scope of work, in addition to the review

and initial approval/denial of disposal works/septic plans, to review/approve Title 5 Inspection Reports, review/approve disposal works septic as-built plans, and review/approve well plot plans. All voted in favor.

**4. Other – None.**

**H. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. R.I. Analytical Report on Spindleville Pond: 9/6/22
- b. Notes on Rat Issue
- c. Letter re: 332D South Main Street

**I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

**J. NEXT MEETING**

- 1. October 20, 2022

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

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**J. NEXT MEETING**

- 1. Regular Meeting: October 20, 2022

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:26 p.m., it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Watson, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol A. Villa*

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Recording Secretary

**Approved: October 20, 2022**

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: August 25, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Email from D. Schindler re: 75 Plain Street
3. Waste Zero Overflow Supplies and Services Agreement
4. Email from Ed Caracino re: Scope of Work
5. Informational Items
  - a. R.I. Analytical Report on Spindleville Pond: 9/6/22
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