

**Board of Health Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2022**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a hearing followed by a regular meeting on Thursday, November 17, 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 regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., noting that all members were present.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Draft Minutes: October 20, 2022 Meeting

It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the minutes of October 20, 2022 (as amended). All voted in favor.

**D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR – None.**

**E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Watson reported that she has been in contact with the Mendon Board of Health regarding the possibility of sharing a health agent, noting that a new job posting and job description will need to be developed. She is waiting to hear back from Mendon.

**F. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Update on Overflow Trash Bag Program**

Ms. Villa reported that Waste Zero is still waiting to finalize paperwork with Stop & Shop and Shaws for the sale of the bags.

2. **Other – None.**

**G. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **E.L. Harvey & Sons, Inc. Trash Contract**

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Watson, that the Board accept the Agreement for Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection and Disposal by and between E.L. Harvey & Sons,

Inc. of Westborough, MA and the Town of Hopedale for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. All voted in favor.

**2. Approval: Well Regulations**

Mr. Swift requested that the board hold approval on these regulations until clarification can be made regarding the grandfathering of old wells as it relates to setbacks. Board members agreed.

**3. Other – None.**

**H. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Emails re: Railway transporting contaminated soil

Ed Burt of the Water/Sewer commission raised concerns about the transportation of and contents of the contaminated soil and requested the board to have the regional health agent investigate further. Tim Watson believed the railroad was not following the Board of Health's Groundwater Protection Regulations.

2. FY2023 Trash and Recycling Expenses Update

Mr. Swift noted that the town administrator was recommending the town raise and appropriate an additional \$32,520 for the FY23 budget to be added to the Board of Health's Other Property Related Services (a.k.a. Trash/Recycling) at the Special Town Meeting to cover an estimated shortfall.

3. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Report: 11/17/22

**I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. FY2024 Budget Discussion

**J. NEXT MEETING**

1. December 15, 2022

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:46 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Watson, 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 19, 2023**

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: October 20, 2022 Meeting
2. Waste Zero Overflow Trash Bags Email Update
3. E.L. Harvey & Sons, Inc. Contract
4. Draft: Well Regulations
6. Informational Items
  - a. Emails re: Railway transporting contaminated soil
  - b. FY2023 Trash and Recycling Expenses Update
  - c. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Report: 11/8/22
  - d. Email re: EDS Plan Updates
  - e. Letter from Irwin Engineers re: 7 Fitzgerald Drive