

**Board of Health Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2023**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a hearing followed by a regular meeting on Thursday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m., in the Draper Room, Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA. Those in attendance included: Jason MacDonald and Mary Watson. The meeting was videotaped and held on Zoom.

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft Minutes: November 17, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

2. Draft Minutes: December 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

It was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 15, 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 a representative from Region 2 Emergency Preparedness regarding holding a dispensing drill sometime between now and June.

Ms. Watson has been in contact with a member of the Mendon Board of Health about the possibility of sharing a health agent with Hopedale. Mendon is looking at a company to do inspections for its town. Ms. Watson stated that would not be practical as the town will need an agent to address issues other than inspections. There has been no further applications for the position.

Mr. MacDonald reported that the boy scouts held its annual Christmas tree collection a few weeks ago and the trees were brought to the recycle center.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Update on Overflow Trash Bag Program

Mr. MacDonald reported that the board is waiting to hear back from Waste Zero on the companies that are ordering trash bags.

2. Draft FY 2024 Budget Proposal

Mr. MacDonald stated that the budget would be reviewed again next month.

3. Regional Animal Control

Tabled until next month

4. 75-131 Plain Street

Board members note the data of motor vehicle tires containing 6PPD, known hazardous chemicals.

5. Railroad and Hazardous Waste

Mr. MacDonald noted that materials are still being hauled into the railroad yard and noted that the bags containing the material are now stronger and thicker. He reported that he did an unscheduled visit for a quick visual dumping soils building a backstop to ensure no more spillage.

6. Other – None.

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Disposal Works Septic System Plan: 39 Mellen Street

Tabled until next meeting

2. Other – None.

H. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Letter from Regional Restrooms

2. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledge: 12/19/22

3. Notice re: Financial Summit

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Well Regulations

J. NEXT MEETING

1. February 16, 2023

K. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:14 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: February 23, 2023

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: November 17, 2022 Regular Meeting
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3. Draft: FY 2024 Budget Proposal
4. Letter from Uxbridge Police Department re: Regional Animal Control Budget
5. Email re: 75-131 Plain Street
6. Email re: Railroad and Hazardous Waste
7. Disposal Works Septic System Plan: 39 Mellen Street
8. Informational Items
 - a. Letter from Regional Restrooms
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