

**Board of Health Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2023**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a hearing followed by a regular meeting on Thursday, February 23, 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 6:02 p.m., noting that all members were present, except for Mr. Swift.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Draft Minutes: January 19, 2023 Regular Meeting**

It was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 19, 2023. All voted in favor.

**D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR – None.**

**E. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Watson reported that she completed an emergency dispensing site review on February 15<sup>th</sup> with Jamie Terry, a planner with Region 2.

Mr. MacDonald reported that the Boy Scouts will be removing the returnables from the recycling center.

**F. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Mr. MacDonald noted that effective May 1, 2023, E.L. Harvey & Sons will only be collecting trash and recyclables from the E.L. Harvey & Sons designated trash and recycling totes.

Residents who cannot place all their trash bags in the Harvey tote will need to use the special Hopedale blue trash bags. E.L. Harvey will **not** be collecting from other totes or other trash bags. The blue Hopedale trash bags will be available for purchase at the following locations: Hopedale Town Hall General Offices Hopedale, Hopedale Cumberland Farms, Bellingham Market Basket, Bellingham Whole Foods, Milford Shaw's Market, Milford Stop & Shop. The

cost of the blue 33-gallon Hopedale trash bags is \$7.50 per roll; each roll contains 5 trash bags.

**2. Draft FY 2024 Budget Proposal**

Board members reviewed the proposed FY2024 Board of Health budget.

**3. Recycle Center Status**

Mr. MacDonald stated that there was no money in the recycling center revolving account and that the center would not likely be able to open in April. Options and a formal vote will take place at the next meeting.

**4. Food Regulations**

Blackstone Valley Regional Partnership Health Agent Dan Markman stated that the food regulations were developed to standardized expectations across the eight communities in the partnership. He also stated that there was an even newer model than the one presented this evening.

**5. Railroad and Hazardous Waste**

Mr. MacDonald noted that letter from MassDEP re: notification of lead in soil concentrations.

**6. Other – None.**

**G. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Appointment of Health Agent**

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to appoint William Fisher as part-time health agent for fifty (50) weeks per year, beginning on March 1, 2023, at a rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour, not to exceed eighteen (18) hours per week. All voted in favor.

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

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the disposal works septic system plan for 39 Mellen Street. All voted in favor.

**3. Approval of Well Regulations**

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the Board of Health Well Regulations effective March 1, 2023.

**4. Other – None.**

**H. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Data on Wellhead Protection Compliance
2. Annual Report
3. DEP Notice of Responsibility: Grafton Upton Railroad
4. Salmon VNA Annual Report
5. 75 Plain Street Data
6. Accounting Department Expenditure Ledger: 1/18/23
7. ZBA Hearing Email
8. Accounting Department Expenditure Ledger: 1/31/23

**I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Review of 187 Freedom Street Water Tank
2. Review Food Regulations
3. Recycle Center Status

**J. NEXT MEETING**

1. March 16, 2023

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:50 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: March 16, 2023**

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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: January 19, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Notice for Overage Trash Bags: Draft
3. Draft: FY 2024 Budget Proposal
4. Letter from Uxbridge Police Department re: Regional Animal Control Budget
5. Food Regulations Draft
6. Hazardous Waste Revolving Account Data
7. Health Agent Application
8. Disposal Works Septic System Plan: 39 Mellen Street
9. Well Regulations
10. Informational Items
  - a. Data on Wellhead Protection Compliance
  - b. Annual Report
  - c. DEP Notice of Responsibility re: Grafton Upton Railroad
  - d. Salmon VNA Annual Report
  - e. 75 Plain Street Data
  - f. Accounting Department Expenditure Ledger: 1/18/23
  - g. ZBA Hearing Email re: Town Water Storage Tank
  - h. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledger: 1/31/23
  - i. ZBA Hearing Email re: 5 Villa Drive relating to Groundwater Protection

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**Additional Information**

1. FY2024 Budget Overview Presentation from J. Nutting: 2/16/23
2. Application for Site Plan Approval: 187 Freedom Street
3. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledger: 2/15/23