

**Board of Health Meeting
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023**

The Hopedale Board of Health held a hearing followed by a regular meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2023, 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. Health Agent Bill Fisher was also present. 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.

Mr. Swift thanked Mr. MacDonald for his information on the recycle center at the annual town meeting. He also thanked the residents who wrote his name as a write-in candidate for the board of health open position.

B. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

1. Appointment of Chair

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to appoint Jason MacDonald as Chair. All voted in favor.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to appoint Mary Watson as Vice-Chair. All voted in favor.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft Minutes: April 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 20, 2023. All voted in favor.

E. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. MacDonald reported that a boy scout who was working on his merit badge had reached out to see if he could be involved in the recycling center. He was sad that the board would not be able to help him. He also reported that he would be volunteering to open the recycling center once or twice a month for the collection of grass and brush only. Residents will still need to pay the \$25 sticker fee and pay for brush. He would be opening the recycling center on Saturday the 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. He would consider opening the recycling center on a Sunday in the future for the same purpose.

F. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS – None.

G. REPORT OF HEALTH AGENT

Mr. Fisher reported the following:

- The Grafton Upton Railroad supplies an annual operational plan in which the dates and names of herbicides will be listed. Once the office receives that information it will be posted on the Board of Health's webpage.
- The office has drafted kennel regulations and he was reached out to Animal Control Officer Kevin Sullivan to jointly review the regulations.
- The representatives of the 75 Plain Street project applied for a demolition permit and he is still waiting for the plans related to asbestos removal.
- The town assessor re-evaluated 4 Jackson Way from an 8-bedroom to a 5-bedroom but the septic system needs to be addressed as the system is only designed for a 3-bedroom.
- The board will hear from The Green Team Junk Removal Company that is offering mattress removal and other bulk item removal. This company has been working with other area towns and will have an event for area towns.
- An alternative septic system will be installed at 270 South Main Street.
- A building permit was pulled for 82 Neck Hill Road and it listed the project as a 5-bedroom but the current septic system is only designed for a 3-bedroom. The engineer wants to change the soil classification and will have to add more flow and increase the size of the tank.
- He learned that the Animal Control Officer is still having issues of overcrowding, not enough staff, and lack of cleanliness at the Lucky Dog kennel.

Mr. Swift stated that he would like to take a tour of the Lucky Dog kennel; the other board members thought it would be a good idea and asked Mr. Fisher to arrange it.

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review of FY2024 Meeting Schedule

Board members reviewed the FY2024 meeting schedule.

2. Green Team Junk Removal

Fred Cullen of Green Team Junk Removal, his company collects mattresses and box springs for \$75 and collects other bulk items at a fair price. He is planning on a multi-town recyclables collection day in the fall. He works with Habitat for Humanity and Eversource and some items are given to charity. Board members agreed it was a good idea to provide this information to residents and to have information put on the webpage.

3. Other – None.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Food Code Regulations

After review, it was moved by Mr. Swift, seconded by Ms. Watson, to adopt the Food Code Regulations, effective June 1, 2023. All voted in favor.

2. Other – None

J. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledger: 4/24/23 and 5/8/23

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Trash Regulations: Draft

2. Kennel Regulations - Draft

L. NEXT MEETING

1. June 15, 2023

K. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:39 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Watson, seconded by Mr. Swift, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa

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Recording Secretary

Approved: June 15, 2023

**Board of Health
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Documents List**

1. Draft Minutes: April 20, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. FY2024 Meeting Schedule
3. Food Code Regulations: Final
4. Green Team Junk Removal Information Packet
5. Informational Items:
 - a. Accounting Dept. Expenditure Ledger: 4/24/23 and 5/8/23